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BETWEEN OURSELVES

We heard a remark the other day that set us to thinking. A chap who had the reputation of being a literary critic said that the greatest literature of today is the literature of discontent. He further remarked that the world is in a tail-spin, that there is no solution, no way out, and the "good old days" are gone forever.

Maybe; but we don't believe it.

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To diagnose the ills of the world is a job beyond the scope of YANKEE DOINGS. So let's confine ourselves to our own organization. The Y.D.V.A. has grown from an organization of 1700 members in 1931 to an Association of 3700 members in 1937 — and it is still growing and growing rapidly. When an army is on the advance, it doesn't stop to count the cost so long as the advance continues; it hurls all its resources against every barrier which arises to impede its progress. This our Association has done. Let us consider some of the resources it has employed.

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First and foremost, it has published, eleven times each year, a magazine so much larger and newsier than any other Divisional Veteran Association that comparison is absolutely impossible. The cost of sending this magazine into each member's home eleven times a year has varied from $1.25 to $1.50 a year. In other words, between $1.25 and $1.50 of each man's dues of $2.00 goes back to him in YANKEE DOINGS alone. The remaining 50 or 75 cents — together with what little additional income there is, has to suffice to pay all other running expenses of the Association, including $2,000.00 salary of a full time secretary, $600.00 rent, office materials, mailing expenses, printing, notices, and fifty other things.

Why then, you say, print such a large maga-

zine? The only answer is that the readers expect it, enjoy it, and it has helped greatly to bring in more members.

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But if this increase in members simply means that each year sees the treasury further and further in the hole, of what use is it some may ask. Now here is the interesting fact. We confess we didn't know it ourselves until a recent examination of all the annual financial statements over the past five or six years. WE HAVE *NOT* BEEN GOING FURTHER AND FURTHER IN THE HOLE. The external indebtedness of the Association was less on March 31, 1937 than it was on March 31, 1932. The total indebtedness was greater; BUT, by far the major portion of it was INTERNAL indebtedness. On March 31, 1932, the Association "owed itself" for pre-paid dues only $95.00. On March 31, 1937, it had collected and used over $1600.00 of pre-paid dues — i.e. the next year's funds. To put it in simple words, the YD Veterans Association has been doing what many cities and towns have been doing — borrowing in anticipation of dues. It has not gone outside and borrowed; it has simply used the pre-paid dues received between January 1 and April 1 — dues which SHOULD BE held in reserve for the coming year, to pay its running expenses during those three months. It is an unhealthy condition, but it has had to be done. The time is now come to wipe out this "living on the future"; and reach April 1, not only clear of EXTERNAL indebtedness, but clear of INTERNAL indebtedness as well.

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To return for a moment to the parallel drawn with army tactics. When an objective is finally taken; orders are "to consolidate the position." Our objective has been taken. Not the final objective of the whole war, for membership can be and will be increased much further; but the objective of a successful means of advancing. It is now time to consolidate the position, entrench ourselves behind the barrier of a balanced budget, and then go forward again.

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To doubting Thomases, to those who, like the literary critic, think "there is no way out"; let it be pointed out that this year the Association has *not* retrogressed. The statement, as of last March 31, shows that we started off our year $1933.36 in the hole, of which $1690.00 was internal debt of pre-paid dues, and with expectancy of receiving $750.00 from the Portland Convention Committee. This, the Association did not receive, and added to the $1933.36 deficit, amounted to a burden of $2683.36 before we even got off the scratch. And to prove that there has been no back-sliding this year, if we had that $2683.36, we would be able to reach March 31 whole and clear, and into the bargain wouldn't have to touch a cent of pre-paid dues (next year's money,) nor a cent of whatever the Providence Convention turns over in advance (also next year's money).

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It all boils down to a pretty simple question. We have not slipped back; we have held our own. Do YOU, the members of this Association, want to continue, year after year, about $2700.00 behind the board, borrowing on each year's future to get by, or do you want to wipe this amount off, once and for all, by a method which will hurt no one's pocket-book, and will at the same time instill every chapter of the Association with new life and energy?

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A five-fold method has been devised, by the National Executive Committee. Its execution has been placed in the hands of your President, your Treasurer and your Secretary, as a committee of three. Its success is up to you.

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The Plan is as follows:

1. On January 1, as in previous years, a three months' membership drive will commence, with every member who signs up receiving a card to April 1, 1939. Every effort will be made to hold this money intact for use during the following year — the year starting April 1, 1938 — for by rights it is that year's revenue. If some of it has to be used, it is to be refunded from the revenue raised by the other methods.

2. The Providence Convention Committee has pledged the payment of $1000.00, as its guarantee to the Association, at some time not long after the first of the year. This also will be held aside insofar as possible for use during the 1938-39 year.

3. A plea to the loyalty of approximately 100 of our 3700 members who are better off than most of us — for a sort of "endowment" will be made. It will be made on the same basis as a man is asked for the endowment of his college alumni, his church, or any organization in which he is vitally interested.

4. Members-at-large will be asked to raise — by whatever legal and upright means they wish, the sum of approximately 75 cents apiece.

5. The prop and mainstay of the entire Plan is this particular feature. The President of your Chapter has already received an announcement THAT ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, EVERY SINGLE CHAPTER OF THE Y.D. V.A. IN THE UNITED STATES IS ASKED TO RUN A FUNCTION OF SOME SORT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE ASSOCIATION. HELP HIM TO DO IT. THESE PARTIES CAN VARY IN NATURE IN A HUNDRED WAYS, CHOOSE WHATEVER WILL MAKE THE MOST MONEY IN YOUR TOWN. LET THE PUBLIC IN ON IT IF YOU WISH. ALL THE REST OF THE YEAR, YOUR CHAPTER CAN, IF IT WILL, RUN AFFAIRS FOR ITS OWN BENEFIT. LET JUST THIS ONE BE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MOTHER ORGANIZATION.

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There is a choice of two courses to pursue. We can pull in our horns and retrench, issue fewer copies of DOINGS, and smaller ones, and keep on living on our future by using every cent that comes in, even if it is next year's money, and continue starting off each April 1, two or three thousand dollars behind. Or we can get back of this five-point plan, with every ounce of our energy, and put it over.

Your officers have chosen the bold course. The best defense is a good offense. "My right flank is cut off; my left flank is in retreat; I AM ADVANCING with my center!" Remember those words of Marshal Joffre. There IS a way out, and we are taking it.

AMERICANISM BULLETIN

By Harry W. Bugbee

Director of Americanism, Y. D. V. A.

If this were to be the last issue of DOINGS ever to be published, it would pass into oblivion with head high, with such a valedictory as this, from old New England, where men sought Freedom, and where they have cradled it, nurtured it, and stand ready, as ever, to defend it.

— Ed. DOINGS.

There was a heavy international huddle in Rome the other day. An agreement was signed by Count Ciano for Italy, Count Von Ribbentrop for Germany, and the Japanese ambassador for his government. The three musketeers of militarism, Mussolini, Hitler and the Mikado propose to stand together against Communism wherever it may show itself. Civilization under Fascism, or anarchy under Communism (or, they hint broadly, under Democracy) are the world alternatives according to these apostles of supergovernment. They have the whole set-up badly scrambled! Fascism and Communism are merely the two heads of the same bicephalic monster. The real issue that grips mankind today is between free government and tyranny, in whatever form that tyranny may appear.

And underneath this issue, thus objectively put, is a deeper and more subtly comprehensive one. Those subterranean currents that underlay the cataclysm of the World War, dimly felt, but little generally realized, are today coming to the surface and declaring themselves. I offer no apology for putting this whole obscure planetary duel in proper terms, stripped of political camouflage. I'm quite aware that I'll be accused by some of exceeding my legitimate province, and perhaps of poaching on the preacher's preserves. But I'll chance that. The only way to face a problem is to face it squarely. You can't side-step into any real settlement of anything. And it's high time this matter was faced by everybody.

Any man who wants the truth today, and not a mess of queasy platitudes, has got to get down below the surface. And he's got to go deep. This age is mad for definition and tabulation. Well, the first thing that must be defined is a man. What is he? An embodied soul, or a cog in a mechanism — at best a robot? Everything depends on this definition. A little less than 2000 years ago, a Man appeared in a somewhat obscure corner of this planet, who proclaimed a doctrine of the potential and essential divinity of all men, that was destined to rock the world. "As never before in history," says Emerson, "he recognized the worth of a man." There is no need that I speak of the sequel of this Gallilean's life and tragic death. "It is not so much written as *plowed* into the minds of mankind." It is sufficient to say that paganism collapsed before the advancing symbol of this Man's epic death!

Today that cosmic victory is being challenged by the most desperate attempt ever put forth

by a renascent materialism. I affirm that democracy is the expression (however crude and partial) in political terms of the Christian worth and freedom of man. Let's cut out all sectarian and narrow aspects of this question. I haven't the faintest interest in such matters. But every man jack of us has an enormous interest in the question whether or not the whole intellectual and spiritual resources of the race, built up through long centuries of titanic struggle, are to be ruthlessly jettisoned! And that's precisely the lay-out in at least two great countries today. One of these countries professes Communism, the other a brand of Fascism. But their basic campaigns are hardly distinguishable from one another. And this ominous, under-surface trend is symptomatic of the mental anarchy that honeycombs our times.

This state of affairs is not to be laughed off. It's going to continue till there's a real show-down. I might almost say a final show-down, if that now tragi-comic slogan "the war to end war" didn't make one leary of such pronouncements.

The ancestors of most of us came to these shores to escape some sort or other of religious tyranny. The old tyrannies said, "You must worship God as we do or suffer the consequences." That was bad enough. But your up-to-the-minute tyrant proclaims, "You shall not worship God at all, because there is no God!" This is the supreme indignity. Worship — the veneration of something higher than ourselves — the deepest and oldest instinct of the human race is to be swept away. This is "neo-paganism," the new paganism; and the German Neitsche is its prophet. But the pagans themselves would have disavowed it! Their worship, misguided as it doubtless was, was still worship. They didn't foresee the Fuehrer and his ilk. Under the manipulations of these bastard philosophers, little remains of the *genus homo* but the jaws and the genitals! All the finer instincts, the visions, the aspirations, the imperishable hopes of our race are wiped away, "rubbed out." The soul is to be liquidated. There's no room for it, any more than for truth or justice or saving humor, in the totalitarian state.

Once the spiritual nature of man is denied, the whole structure of free democracy is ready to collapse. For in the last analysis it rests on the potential growth and progress and ultimate perfectability of all men. All that is merely rubbish if man is just an animal. "Freedom," says Il Duce, "is a rank absurdity." Of course — if you accept his premises. But America will never accept these premises! And the great mass of American veterans, if I in any way know them, will continue to stand immovably not only "for Country," but "for God."

MEMORIAL DEDICATED TO ENLISTED MEN OF THE YD

A Tribute To The Rank And File

Soon after its organization in 1935, New Haven Chapter, Yankee Division Veterans Association, decided to do something to perpetuate the memory of its service in the greatest of all wars. Instead of the customary memorial to a high ranking officer, New Haven Chapter members unanimously voted to build a monument to the enlisted men of the 26th Division, the men up in the muck and mud who carried the brunt of the burden. TIMOTHY FRANCIS AHEARN, Fair Haven born and bred, was selected because it was of him our divisional commander, General CLARENCE R. EDWARDS, said: "He best exemplified the spirit of the Yankee Division."

Born in New Haven in 1898, and only a boy when called to the colors, Timothy Ahearn was a corporal in Company C, 102nd Infantry during the latter months of the war. On October 25, 1918, near Verdun, the doughty little doughboy assumed command of the shattered remnants of his company at a time when all was chaos and all officers and non-commissioned officers had become casualties. Corporal Ahearn led his company all during that trying day, attaining every objective set for the unit. Later in the day he carried in a wounded officer of another unit to safety in the face of heavy machine gun fire. The epochal message sent back to his commander, written on the back of the envelope of a letter from his mother, will be found inscribed for posterity on the south side of the pedestal.

It reads: "I have reorganized the Company with four skeleton platoons. Private KEENEY is hereby made First Sergeant. I am ready for any duty I am called upon to perform. I am ready for replacements.

T. AHEARN, Commanding Company C."

TIMMY AHEARN died in 1925 as the result of enemy gas inhaled in battle.

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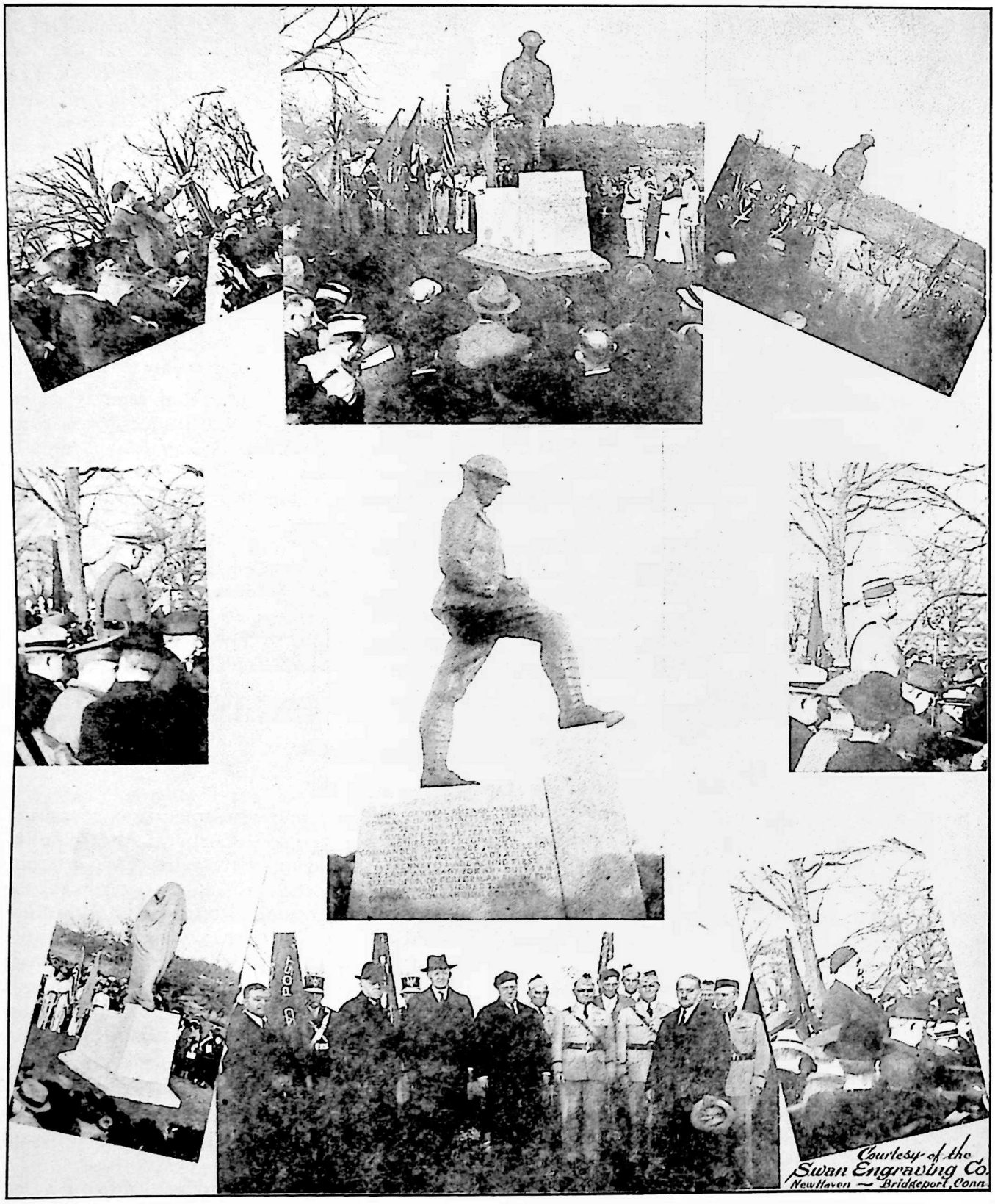

See Description of Pictures on Opposite Page.

Past Commander MICHAEL J. McDERMOTT, of YD Post 130, American Legion was busy with his camera during the dedicatory exercises at the unveiling of the Timmy Ahearn Memorial by New Haven Chapter, YDVA, on Sunday, Nov. 14, 1937, in West River Memorial Park.

Upper left, Past National Americanism Officer ROYAL K. HAYES, of Lowell, in the midst of his brilliant dedicatory address.

Upper center, the solemn moment of the unveiling as Miss Anne Ahearn, a niece of Corporal Timothy Ahearn, flanked by JOSEPH SCHURK and LOCKHART STEWART as escorts, uncovers the monument, the colors of the post, drum corps and chapter are dipped in salute.

Center, left, Col. JOSEPH T. MARINAN, chairman of the dedication committee, carries on.

Center, side view of the statue showing the sturdiness of character and courageousness of Ahearn "caught" by Sculptor Karl Lang.

Center, right, Past National President LEN MALONEY, opening the exercises.

Lower left, the statue veiled, with the YD Post senior and junior drum corps in the back ground.

Lower center, Anthony Pagano, who did the stone work; Archie Emigh, corps color bearer; Father Martin A. Doran, present chaplain of the 102nd Infantry; Hon. John W. Murphy, mayor of New Haven who accepted the statue; ROYAL K. HAYES, principal speaker; Charles M. Gardner, of the committee, John T. Dillon, chairman of the Ahearn committee; Karl Lang, the sculptor; LOCKHART STEWART, chapter color bearer; FRANK P. LEE, president of New Haven Chapter; Col. ORVILLE A. PETTY, wartime chaplain of the 102nd; JOSEPH SCHURK, chapter color bearer and Past National President, LEN MALONEY.

Lower right, closeup of ROYAL K. HAYES (the black hat in the foreground is atop the sturdy shoulders of Col. JOHN HENRY "Machine Gun" PARKER).

Both this cut and one on cover were furnished to DOINGS through the courtesy of the Swan Engraving Co., of New Haven and Bridgeport.

On Sunday afternoon, November 14, a crowd of 2000 people gathered to participate in the dedication by New Haven Chapter of a memorial to this world war hero.

The statue, located in the West River Memorial Park, west of West river, and north of Congress avenue, shows the 18-year-old corporal writing his now historical message to his colonel on the back of an envelope that had obtained a letter from his mother.

His mother, Mrs. Bridget Ahearn, now of Glendale, N. Y., attended the dedication and saw the statue unveiled by Miss Anne Ahearn of this city, the late corporal's neice.

The program of the dedicatory exercises follows:

PROGRAM

1. The Legion Drummer, Jr. Drum & Bugle Corps, Y. D. Post No. 130, American Legion; 2. Invocation, Rev. Fr. Martin A. Doran, Chaplain, 102nd Inf., C. N. G.; 3. Introductory Remarks, Major LEONARD J. MALONEY, Past National President, Y.D.V.A.; 4. "Keep the Home Fires Burning," Senior Drum & Bugle Corps, Y.D. Post No. 130, A.L.; 5. Dedicatory Address, Rev. ROYAL K. HAYES, Past National Americanization Officer, Y.D.V.A.; 6. "Our Flag," Jr. Drum & Bugle Corps, Y.D. Post No. 130, A.L.; 7. Presentation of Memorial to City of New Haven, JOHN T. DILLON, Chairman, Ahearn Memorial Committee.

8. Acceptance of Memorial, Hon. John W. Murphy, Mayor, City of New Haven; 9. "There's A Long, Long Trail," Sr. Drum & Bugle Corps, Y.D. Post No. 130, A.L.; 10. Prayer, Col. ORVILLE A. PETTY, Chaplain, 102nd Inf., A.E.F.; 11. Placing of Floral Tributes, Miss Anne Ahearn, Niece of Timothy Ahearn; 12. Unveiling, Miss Anne Ahearn, Niece of Timothy Ahearn; 13. Benediction, Rev. Fr. Martin A. Doran; 14. "America," Sr. Drum & Bugle Corps, Y.D. Post No. 130, A.L.

In his truly magnificent address, the Rev. Mr. HAYES declared that every American should learn a lesson from the patriotism and devotion to duty of Corporal Ahearn, the people of the United States should evaluate the blessings of democracy and then become devoted to its perpetuation and defense.

The committee on the raising of funds and the erection of the memorial is as follows:

Hon John W. Murphy, Ex-Officio; JOHN T. DILLON, Chairman; LEONARD J. MALONEY, Secretary; RAYMOND W. HAYWARD, Treasurer; RALPH L. BISHOP, CHARLES L. BOUCHER, JAMES

F. Coleman, James H. P. Conlon, Philip H. English, Charles M. Gardner, John M. Golden, James A. Haggerty, Frank P. Lee, Joseph T. Marinan, Joseph A. Roach, Harold H. Shields, Edward J. Stackpole, Wayland W. Williams, Walter L. Wirth.

Karl Lang, Sculptor; Memorial erected by Maxwell & Pagano, under direction of Municipal Art Commission, George Dudley Seymour, Chairman, Robert G. Eberhard, John D. Whiting, Theodore Sizer, W. W. Williams.

The committee on the Dedicatory Exercises follows:

Joseph T. Marinan, Chairman; Michael J. McDermott, Frank P. Lee, Leslie J. Reynolds, Charles M. Gardner, James Coleman, Harold Shields, Edward J. Stackpole, John J. Welch, Charles L. Boucher, Edmund S. McLaughlin, Henry S. Noder, Fred V. Hirsch, John T. Dillon, Joseph A. Roach, Raymond W. Hayward, Ray C. Cooper, Louis Jacobs.

The members of New Haven Chapter, Yankee Division Veterans Association, are deeply grateful to the friends whose generous contributions have made possible this imposing memorial to the rank and file of the 26th Division, American Expeditionary Forces.

YOU, MISTER, HOW ABOUT THAT DOLLAR FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS?

The answer has been discovered. Fellows want to pay for their Christmas cards. They WILL pay for them if they meet some man from Hq. to pass their dollar to. But they can't seem to remember to send it by mail. It's quite a job to go to the post office and make out a money order for just $1.00.

Now here's a proposition. We have confidence in the honesty of 99.44% of the members of the Y.D.V.A. Put a dollar bill in an envelope and send it in, well wrapped up. Write a separate note, in a separate envelope, telling that you've sent it; and we'll take your word for it, whether it arrives safely or not. If that isn't putting you on the old "honor system," what is? Experience convinces us that there will be very slight losses, if any, in the mail.

Will you do it? To-day?

Here's what some of the fellows say about the cards, (all of them incidentally enclosing their dollar):

Stanley Gosinski, Terryville, Conn.: "I think they are swell, especially one special YD card each year. Each year as I receive the cards I keep one of these views for myself and frame it for a souvenir."

Charles A. Gibbs of New York City: "I wish to compliment you on the cards this year. They are better than ever before I believe."

E. L. Juan, Pleasantville, N. Y.: "I do not think the cards are as nice as some you have sent in the past, but we use cards every year and you can depend on my taking them. As there is nothing else to pay for except dues, I feel that I can at least help the Association to this extent."

Eustis R. Perron of Boston: "They are worth every penny the Y.D.V.A. asks for them and more. I think Ray Queenin's letter, headed "On the Subject of Gold Brickers," says a mouthful, and it expresses my idea on the subject 100%."

Walter Haak, Cleveland, Ohio: "The cards are just what we need to keep up the old friendships and the YD spirit."

E. C. Matthews, W. Sand Lake, N. Y.: "Seems good to receive a decent letter and not the usual high pressure stuff which is so much in circulation nowadays."

All Chapter Presidents are urged, at each meeting, to collect as many one dollar bills as possible from members present who have not paid for the cards, and send it in in a lump sum.

MEETING OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PROVIDENCE, NOVEMBER 18

A meeting of the National Executive Committee was held at the Biltmore Hotel, Providence, on the evening of Saturday, November 18. Voting members present included: President Doucette, Treasurer Redfield, Secretary Sanborn, V.P.'s C. O. Elliott of Mass., Hunt of R. I., Past Nat. President George O. Elliott, Chapter Presidents Galligan of Boston, Cooke of Providence, Early of Worcester, Dresner of New Bedford, and Royal L. Thomas, representing Curley of Lynn. Others were present, representing the Convention Committee, the

Sons and Daughters of the Y.D.V.A., and as guests of committee members.

The two most important pieces of business taken up, are covered by separate articles elsewhere in this issue: i.e. a Plan for the financial solvency of the Association for the future was authorized and placed in the hands of a committee of three, the Nat. Pres., the Nat. Treas., and the Nat. Secretary for execution. (See editorial "Between Ourselves"). A most encouraging report was received from the Providence Convention Committee. (See article "Next Summer's Convention in Providence, R. I.").

Other votes taken included:

That all correspondence relative to the difficulties which have arisen to confront the project to place a memorial on Gen. Edwards' grave in Arlington, including a record of consultation by a representative of Washington Chapter with the Secretary of War, be turned over to Gen. COLE, as Chairman of the committee in charge, with a request to pursue the matter further.

That this Committee was without power under the Constitution to grant a charter to a group of YD men living in Newton, Mass.

That Mr. ANTHONY J. ROCK, Nat'l. Chm. of the committee appointed to draw up a constitution for the Sons of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, and the Daughters of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, proceed, with such assistance as he needed, to do so, and to submit same to this Executive Committee for its approval. (N.B. Meeting of the Chm. with advisers was held in Boston on the evening of November 8, and proposed Constitution will go before the Executive Committee at its next meeting in Worcester, on Nov. 18).

Several other matters of lesser importance were discussed and voted upon. The minutes of the meeting are open to be read by any member who so desires.

NEXT SUMMER'S CONVENTION IN PROVIDENCE, R. I.

DOINGS has good news for its readers. The Providence Convention Committee has received definite assurance of substantial financial assistance. The writer of this article has seen the letter naming the amount, the signature of the man pledging it, and the naming of the early date upon which it may be had.

The ways are cleared now for the full development of plans for our biggest Convention. By the time you are reading this, the committee will be hard at work laying its plans for a FOUR day program of events and enjoyment.

Just so that everyone will make their plans in time, it is announced that in all likelihood, NEXT YEAR'S CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN MAY, RATHER THAN JUNE.

We will give you the exact dates in the next issue of YANKEE DOINGS.

Headquarters of the Convention Committee have already been set up in the Biltmore Hotel — at no expense to the Committee! With the co-operation of the Governor and the Lieutenant-Governor (RAY JORDAN, a YD man), every effort is being made to set up the precedent of a state appropriation toward the expenses of the Convention.

Solicitations among the business men, not only of Providence, but of other places in New England, for space in the Souvenir Program, are already under way.

Registration has been set at $2.00. An arrangement has been effected with the hotels, so that no YD man will be housed unless he has registered.

Local Chapters are urged to bring with them a band or drum corps from their own community; not to lay upon the Convention committee the whole burden of providing musical units by offers of too extravagant prizes. In the intervening months, try to arrange with whatever bands or drum corps there are in your city, to attend the Convention as your representatives, and march with your membership.

A meeting to select additional officers of the Convention Corporation, chairmen of sub-committees, etc., was held in Providence on December 1. As HOWARD HUNT writes: "We have real level-headed, conservative and business-like men in our chapter, and we shall endeavor to get them to serve. Now that we have been assured of financial backing, just watch our dust from now on."

Make no mistake. Providence is one of the grandest Convention cities in New England. It is the largest city any YD Convention has ever been held in. It is alive, peppy, with plenty of night life and something doing every hour of the twenty-four.

Shades of New Haven and Worcester! The YD is going to own the town next May. Save your pennies and attend the biggest ever.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S VISITS

Following are the visits to Departments, Chapters, etc., made by National President RAY DOUCETTE, during the months of October and November (including a part of December).

OCTOBER

13th — Worcester, Mass. Installation of Officers.

18th — Boston, Guest at installation of Officers, YD Post 290, A.L.

23rd — Boston, Meeting of National Executive Committee.

25th — Holyoke, Installation of Officers.

— Boston, Guest of Navy Post 297, A.L.; Navy Day Ball.

— Beverly, Guest of F Battery, 101st F.A. Reunion.

NOVEMBER

6th — Boston, Testimonial Dinner to EDWARD J. MCCORMACK.

7th — Milford, State meeting, Department of Mass.

10th — Lynn, Annual Armistice Eve Banquet.

13th — Barre, Vt., Charter presentation and Installation of Officers.

14th — Lebanon, N. H., Charter presentation and Installation of Officers.

17th — Danvers, Mass., Charter presentation and Installation of Officers.

27th — Providence, R. I., Meeting of National Executive Committee.

DECEMBER (to date)

3rd — Boston, Annual Military Ball, YD Club of Boston.

4th — Boston, Meeting of Ways and Means Committee.

5th — Fitchburg, State Meeting, Department of Massachusetts.

8th — Beverly, Meeting for formation of a Chapter.

11th — Farmington, Conn., Testimonial Dinner to Past National President ALBERT W. HERMAN.

17th — Salem, Mass., Installation.

18th — Worcester, Meeting of National Executive Committee.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM HERE AND THERE

"It just seems to run in the blood." Readers of DOINGS last year and year before are familiar with the fact that ROYAL K. HAYES, Americanism Officer, spent much of his time addressing civic and patriotic groups. Now HARRY BUGBEE, our Americanism Officer this year, writes, in apology for the lateness of his bulletin this month (which, incidentally, is worth any man's time to read) that he had half a dozen speeches to make in a little over a week. On November 10, he spoke at two rural schools in the morning, high schools in the afternoon, and at a meeting of his townsmen in the Town Hall. On Armistice Day, he delivered the address at Swanton, Vt. On November 18, he was a speaker at the meeting of Regional School Directors.

BERT R. MIDDLEBROOK (K Co., 104th Inf.), Box 523, East San Diego, Calif. is desirous of locating any former comrade who recalls the time he was hospitalized at the 103rd F.H., in December, 1918.

MAURICE HEALEY (A Co., 103rd Inf.), formerly of Chicago, now of 6002 St. Johns Ave., Kansas City, Mo., asks to be remembered to the boys of "Southie," Roxbury and Dorchester, especially to "Spud" GOOD. He wants to form a chapter in Kansas City. Does anyone know of ten prospective members there?

DOINGS regrets to report that MERTON SARGENT of Sunapee, N. H., a member for many years, had the ill fortune to fall from his roof and break his back some time ago. He spent a long time in a cast, and although he can move about a little, progress is extremely slow. At last reports he was still in the hospital at Claremont, N. H.

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MEMBERSHIP STANDING

The table of Chapter membership standing is omitted this month. There has been no radical change from last month — about 100 new members in all having come in, but widely scattered.

In the January issue, DOINGS will be able to print the final standings as of December 31. For after that date, new members will receive cards as of the following year — to April 1, 1939 — and although they WILL BE members immediately — they will not BE COUNTED IN THE STANDINGS until April 1.

SEEKS INCREASE IN SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Massachusetts Commissioner Richard R. "Dick" Flynn of State Aid and Pensions has recommended to cities and towns that the allowances which under the law they are obliged to pay needy veterans, their widows, parents and children under the age of 18, be increased because of the soaring cost of living.

A 10% increase was recommended, with figures ranging from $22.00 to $28.00 per month for a single man to $85.00 to $90.00 a month for a married man, with wife and seven children.

THIS NUMBER

We hope that every one has read this month's editorial "Between Ourselves." If not, go back and read it.

Now you will know why, in spite of high hopes for the success of the Plan outlined there, it is still the better part of valor to keep the cost of this issue of DOINGS as low as consistent with getting in all the news. If all of the many events which have taken place do not seem to have the space given to them they should have, it does not belittle their success, nor the grand spirit of initiative and carry-through which never permeated our Association in a greater degree than today.

Try to bear with us. Please do not protest that we have cut down too much on the reports you have sent in. Ours is a double duty. 1) To publish the news you send us; 2) to pay the printer. It is sometimes hard to do both at once. We are doing our best.

Y. D. V. A. UNIFORMS

The Departments of Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island have adopted a uniform to be worn at Y.D.V.A. functions. The uniform is identical in each of the three Departments, a horizon blue, single breasted, with piping of a darker color down the seams of the trousers, and around the cuffs of the sleeves; Sam Browne belt; YD shoulder insignia; gold service stripe chevrons; brass collar ornaments. In Connecticut, the hat is an overseas hat, with the name of the Chapter in gold letters; in Mass. it is the YD beret with the name of the Chapter in gold letters; in Rhode Island, we don't know which hat has been adopted. In Connecticut, the color of the piping is maroon; in Massachusetts dark blue; in Rhode Island, it is red. It is probable that eventually the other states will adopt the same uniform. New Hampshire is already talking about a white piping and Vermont a dark green. We have not heard from Maine, except that the YD Club of Portland has a uniform of its own.

Now the point is that no one is obliged to buy a uniform if he doesn't want to. But we'd be a better looking outfit on parade and at Conventions; or on Memorial or Armistice Days if more fellows did have them. The cost is approximately $28.00 including everything except the hat. Providence Chapter is forming a uniform club.

These can be made by Wender & Goldstein, 387 Fourth Ave., New York; by their agent, Sam Adelman, 99 Chauncy St., Boston; by R. W. "Chappie" Robertson, 62 Summer Street, Boston; or in certain cities by other uniform makers of whom DOINGS has no record.

Talk up uniforms at your chapter meetings.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Lack of extensive news from Maine is not to be held against the Department President Fred Shaw. He has asked to have some of the National officers from headquarters come down to the state and help him get things pepped up. He himself has been around and visited many of the chapters. As yet it has seemed virtually impossible for the Nat. President or Secretary to find the opportunity to visit Maine, although all the other New England states have been visited. A trip to Maine will be made at the earliest opportunity. Meanwhile, "Carry On!"

It may be that chapters are having meetings and doing things, and not letting DOINGS know about it. Shame on you. Send in a few items.

AUGUSTA

A letter from President Mack Stoddard of Kennebec County Chapter (Augusta), stated that a meeting was to be held on December 1, and a schedule of meetings for the balance of the winter adopted. DOINGS has received no later word.

SKOWHEGAN

About Nov. 1, Pres. Walter Lessard thought it was only fitting that we should christen our new charter with all due ceremony and in good old YD fashion. So on Armistice Eve, in conjunction with the local Legion Post, we put on a real event, appropriate for the occasion. The whole county was invited to attend and — from all indications — the whole county did.

The evening started off with a big parade at 9:30, supported by the Skowhegan and Madison Legion Bands. After the parade, we all gathered in Legion Hall for a special entertainment put on by Dr. Weisenberger and his "Togus Troupe." Around midnight, the boys put on a real feed and that ended the official program. After that, the boys played "games" of their own and I understand that some of them stopped playing long enough to go out and get their breakfasts. Nevertheless, it was a great success and no doubt future Armistice Days will be ushered in in this manner.

We plan to have a Supper and Get-Together once a month throughout the winter. I will keep my news fresh and clean-shaven from now on, so help me. — Cass. Bisson, Sec.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Department President EARLE WILLIAMS writes, under date of November 6:

It is about time that some one gave you an idea as to what — if anything — was going on in N. H.

I went to Keene, to talk with some of the boys, not on a meeting night but on an off night, and I find that Keene is to start soon with their annual dinner. I suggested at that time that it would be a good time for Keene to entertain the Dept., and I am to write LEROY CODDING to that effect (I wonder if Ray, yourself, and some of the other Nat. Officers couldn't plan to be present, I will let you know the program anyway). Keene is not to be worried about.

I intend to visit Manchester soon and report their activities, have talked with boys from Berlin and there is a chance probably of a Chapter there, but conditions are not right yet as I understand.

I want to get a Chapter started in Portsmouth and have opened the question with old YD men there, I expect action, but cannot promise much yet.

I have talked with members from Concord and they are going along holding their own.

Of my own Chapter in Nashua, I am sending a separate article.

— EARLE L. WILLIAMS, Pres.,
Dep't. of New Hampshire.

MANCHESTER

Close to 1,000 dance lovers gathered at the Cocoanut Grove ballroom for the fourth annual Thanksgiving Night ball sponsored by the Manchester chapter, Yankee Division Veterans association.

Impressive memorial services were held following the grand march in which fitting tribute was paid to departed veterans. A huge painting of a cemetery "somewhere in France" was in full view on the stage and as the memorial services opened with the sounding of "taps" all other lights in the hall, with the exception of a spotlight directed at the scene, were extinguished.

A large floral piece in which the letters "YD" were prominent was placed in front of the cemetery scene. Buglers sounded taps from the balcony as the audience remained in silence.

Prior to the memorial service the grand march was held, with President and Mrs. FORREST J. DRURY leading, followed by Mr. and Mrs. ARMAND MONTMINY, and Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR GILMORE and other members and friends of the local association. Mr. MONTMINY and Mr. GILMORE are senior and junior vice presidents, respectively, of the chapter.

Buglers for the grand march and services were furnished by the Londonderry Boy Scout troop under the direction of Dr. Drury.

It was a gay holiday crowd that arrived early and stayed until a late hour to dance to the tunes of the popular Kearney-Kallander orchestra.

EUGENE DUGAS was chairman of the committee, assisted by the following: RAYMOND BEAUCHESNE, HENRY BEAUDOIN, JOHN E. BLIDBERG, WALTER BOARDMAN, WILLIAM BROOKS, treasurer; HAROLD BROSOR, CLARENCE BYRON, secretary; EDWARD COUSINS, ANDREW DOBBIE, sergeant-at-arms; RUDOLPHE J. DORE, Dr. FORREST J. DRURY, president; WALTER J. DUDA, JOHN W. DUNLAP, CLARENCE FIRTH, THOMAS FITZGERALD, MAURICE GAUVIN, ARTHUR GILMORE.

LEBANON - NEWPORT - CLAREMONT
"Triangle Chapter"

On Sunday, November 14th my good and hard working Secretary, PHIL SANBORN, and myself travelled from Barre, Vt., over to Lebanon, N. H., to install officers and present Charter to our new New Hampshire Chapter and were well rewarded for this long trip. LES HORTON and his gang met us at his office and my good pals from Lynn, JOSEPH "Turk" PARKER, WILLIS HARVEY, and HAL GUPPY were present to enjoy the party and how they did enjoy it! Ask WILLIS.

At the Young Democrats Hall in Lebanon a goodly crowd was present from Lebanon-Claremont-Newport, Enfield and surrounding towns. I presented Charter and then proceeded to install the following officers, with Phil acting as Sgt.-at-Arms. President ANTHONY GUARINO, of Lebanon, 1st V.P., HENRY J. MARCOTTE, of Claremont, N. H.; 2nd V.P., J. ARTHUR CLEMENT, of Enfield, N. H.; Chaplain, CHARLES JUDD, of White River Jct., Vt.; Treasurer, JOSEPH SHARKEY, of Lebanon, N. H.; Secretary, STILLMAN GRAVES, of Enfield, N. H.; Sgt.-at-Arms, LOUPIS; Trustees, LABER, NIXON, and KEYES.

After installation was completed, four new members were initiated. Remarks were made by LES HORTON, STEVE TUPPER, HENRY MARCOTTE, ARTHUR CLEMENT, "Jess Willard" CAMPBELL,

and the Lynn trio, Joe, Willis, and Hal, by the National Secretary, National President, and the new President of Triangle Chapter.

Next meeting will be held in Newport. Comrades THRASHER, CLARK, SHARKEY, and LOUPIS were appointed as an entertainment committee to pep up future meetings.

Believe you me, this new chapter is going places with such a splendid and hard working group of officers and better still with a bunch of go-getters and workers to assist them. A lunch was served after adjournment and before we left, our V.P. from N. H., EARLE WILLIAMS showed up and I was sure glad to see EARLE back on the job again. PHIL and myself with the Lynn trio then imposed on our good friend, LES HORTON's wife and accepted LES' invitation for a Venison Supper. LES killed the doe with his own gun and sharp eyes. Mrs. Horton did a swell job of it and we did a job on the eats. Seated were LES, PHIL, HAL, JOE, WILLIS, myself and that other live wire and sincere YD friend, STEVE TUPPER. After mangé we fought the war over again and WILLIS HARVEY took the cake for experiences. Believe it or not, WILLIS claims he and two other 103rd Inf. men patrolled the front lines *by themselves* — can you tie that one? Have never seen a comrade enjoy himself as did WILLIS. Boy, oh boy, did he tell them and did he eat. We all thanked Mr. and Mrs. HORTON and departed for home and here's good luck to as fine a bunch of YD men I've had the pleasure of meeting since my election. I'll bet they pass the 50 mark before long.

— RAY DOUCETTE,
National President.

NASHUA

Nashua has come to life and had a swell meeting a week or so ago. Boy, were they hot on membership at that meeting! President LEBLANC found an old roster of the gang, and what an educational half-hour was put in by those present in discussing the different prospects, and how the names were taken up by those present for contacts. Membership chairman MARCH donated a quart of good whiskey as a first prize for the member bringing in the most names for membership in the Nashua Chapter before Jan. 1st, 1938, and a second prize of another quart of good whiskey was donated by one of the members of the committee, EDDIE BENARD, and our good friend, Past Pres. GEORGE M. FRENCH, not to be outdone, contributed a suitable prize as a third prize, so that most of the names and addresses given, and with three good prizes to vie for, there should be some action from Nashua soon.

Nashua is to hold their meetings every third Thursday of each month from now on. The next meeting will be held at the V.F.W. Hall, Thursday night, 8 o'clock, November 18, 1937, and if you or any of the boys are in this vicinity on this date, drop in to see us. A very fine lunch has been planned with plenty of what it takes to make a meeting of this kind a success, I hope we may see some of you with us.

— E. L. W.

Quite a few of Nashua Chapter attended the YD Club of Boston Annual Military Ball on December 3. Among those seen were: W. J. McNULTY, J. C. FOLEY, Mr. and Mrs. GILBERT YOUNG.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

SPRINGFIELD

A supper and meeting was held by the Springfield, Vt. chapter of Y.D.V.A. in the Legion Rooms at the Community House on Nov. 16th.

The supper was put on by a committee composed of wives of several of the local YD men. They certainly did a very good job, the food was tasty, and the tables looked swell.

Keene, N. H., Bellows Falls and Rutland chapter members were invited to this Get-Together meeting, but when supper time came, the YD boys from Keene and "the Falls" were not among those present. Rutland was ably represented by "ART" FOOTE, "PHIL" RICH, MARSH WHELDEN, "RAY" COLLINS and four or five others. They brought their new YD colors with them, a grand emblem, they have every reason to be proud of it.

After a raid on that supper table the president of the local chapter, GUY WESCOTT, called the meeting to order with about twenty men present. After the business was taken care of we heard from different speakers.

ART SMITH, Dep't. Pres. and ARTHUR FOOTE each spoke concerning the Barre-Montpelier meeting, also of the trip up there and back on one of the toughest nights to travel this year.

JOHN STRONG brought up a question concerning the color of piping on YD uniforms. ART FOOTE was of the opinion that there is a code of colors for various states and that Vermont YD men should have green piping. ARTHUR

SMITH favored city and state names on the official beret.

MARSH WHELDON read some statistics on the part played by the Yankee Division in the late hog-wrestle. After a few more discussions this meeting adjourned and went home.

Mr. LESLIE STEWART, formerly of Co. E, 101st Amm. Train, has recently joined the Springfield, Vt. chapter. Mr. STEWART was commander of the local unit of the American Legion last year. We will not see much of our new member as he is on a night shift in one of the local machine shops.

— LELAND F. BATCHELDER,
Secretary.

MONTPELIER-BARRE
"Washington County Chapter"

On one of those "beautiful" Fall Saturday afternoons, which were so prevalent during this past season, Nov. 13 to be exact, with rain coming down so that if old man Noah were alive, he'd have to put on extra help to finish his ark in time, your Nat. President RAY DOUCETTE, and Secretary PHIL SANBORN embarked (we guess that is as good a word as any) for Barre, Vt. — distance 194 miles — one way — running time — 6 hours flat, 30.5 knots per hour. In places, the road was 18 inches under water with state police directing traffic slowly across. Through the foothills of the White Mountains, across the Connecticut and up into the Green Mountains, the helmsman stood by his trusty helm.

But it was too rough a sea for many of the local lads. They arrived from Rutland, 100 miles away, from Springfield, all of 125; and about 20 from Barre and Montpelier. And they tell us there are 150 or more YD men in the area!

Oh well. The occasion was the presentation of the charter and the installation of officers of the Washington County Chapter, in the Barre Legion Rooms.

After presenting the charter, National President RAY DOUCETTE, assisted by the Nat. Secretary acting as sergeant-at-arms, installed the following officers: President, JOSEPH G. ABAIR; Vice President ABIEL H. SMITH; Treasurer, HAROLD HARVEY; Secretary, LESTER J. CHEYNE (by Proxy — Mr. CHEYNE had to attend a wedding ceremony that night).

Addresses were made by the two officers from Massachusetts; by Department President ARTHUR SMITH of Springfield; President ARTHUR FOOTE and Sec. RAY COLLINS of Rutland Chapter; JOHN STRONG of Bellows Falls, and JOE ABAIR, President of Washington County Chapter. A large increase in membership, and regular meetings were pledged by the latter.

Miss Lila Culver, known as "the Kate Smith of Vermont" led the group in the singing of old war songs, followed a "feed" of weenies, kraut, pumpernickel and beer.

— P. N. S.

RUTLAND

Behind the new blue and gold YD flag of Rutland Chapter, marched 35 YD veterans on Armistice Day. At 10:45 A. M., at the General Edwards Memorial in Main Street Park, a memorial service was held and was conducted in accordance with the ritual outlined in a recent copy of YANKEE DOINGS.

Following this, the Chapter took part in the biggest Armistice Day parade held in Rutland in the past ten years.

As our regular meeting night also fell on Armistice Day, we journeyed forth, as arranged at a previous meeting, to the home of LOVERING DEVEREAUX in Belmont (highest town in the state) at 5:30 P. M., and found a great feed awaiting, prepared by Dev and his wife. Just as an example of YD spirit, Dev finished preparing the feed by himself, despite the fact that his son had cut his foot badly with an axe, and was really in pretty bad shape. Said he couldn't let the boys down.

FOOTE, COLLINS, and RICH attended the meeting in Barre on November 13, and seven of us went to Springfield on the 16th.

This Chapter hopes to be host to the National officers at its April, 1938 meeting.

— R. E. C.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

The regular monthly meeting of the Department of Massachusetts was held in the Chamber of Commerce Building, in Fitchburg, on Sunday, December 5, with considerably better attendance than many of the meetings in the past. But for the most part, they were from the same old chapters, although one man did show up from Lowell, and two or three from Clinton. Incidentally, what's become of Marlboro, always one of our strongest delegations at state meetings, now absent two in a row?

Of course, the old reliables, Lynn, Worcester,

Salem, Boston, New Bedford, Springfield, Webster and Haverhill were on hand, and quite a delegation from the host city of Fitchburg. Department President CLYDE ELLIOTT presided.

Mayor-elect ALFRED WOOLACOTT, and the President of the City Council BIL MCBRIDE, both members of Fitchburg Chapter, were guests and addressed the meeting. Mayor Woolacott told of his efforts to have the C.C.C. Camp at Westminster retained; and the meeting adopted a resolution asking that such might be done; copies to be sent to the Congressman of the district, the two U. S. Senators from Mass., and Mr. Robert Fechner, head of the C.C.C.

Nat. President RAY DOUCETTE addressed the meeting, outlining the Plan, which you will find described in the editorial "Between Ourselves," and also reporting for the Providence Convention Committee.

Among the pieces of business transacted were:

The Department pledged itself to help JOHN DWYER, Pres. of Haverhill Chapter in obtaining a waiver of tax on admissions on the dance they held on Thanksgiving evening, in which matter he had been having difficulty. (The Nat. Sec. visited the Department of Internal Revenue next morning and straightened matters out, he believes.)

The committee on revision of the Department Constitution recessed briefly, agreed to hold a meeting on the evening of Friday, November 10, and draw up revisions to present at the next state meeting. This committee is comprised of Messrs. SANBORN (Boston), RAND (Worcester), DRESNER (New Bedford), SULLIVAN (Lynn).

The Committee on a ritual for the burial of YD comrades, Chm. EMILE THIBAULT, after much discussion, and objection to a motion to bring in a proposed ritual, embodying recommendations made at the meeting, finally recessed, and came back to make the same motion themselves.

The request of Pres. DRESNER of New Bedford that the New Bedford uniform, which was already in existence before the state uniform was adopted, be recognized at YD affairs, in parades and competitions, was laid on the table until the next meeting.

Haverhill Chapter remitted its assessment of 5 cents per member for the state department levy.

It was voted that all attending future meetings should wear the YD beret.

The January meeting will be held in the new quarters of the YD Club of Lynn, on Broad Street, on January 9 (note change of date), at 2:00 P. M.

The February meeting will be held at the YD Memorial Clubhouse, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, on Sunday, February 6, at 2:00 P. M.

A luncheon of ham, potato salad, rolls, apple turn-overs and coffee was served, in which many visiting ladies of the members joined.

A committee was appointed to draw up a resolution recommending an amendment to the National Constitution at the Providence Convention, whereby all Presidents and Vice Presidents, National, Department or Chapter, would henceforth be known as Commanders and Vice Commanders. — P. N. S.

BOSTON

The Annual Military Ball of the YD Club of Boston, held in the Copley Plaza Hotel on Friday evening, December 3, lived up to the prophecy made in an earlier issue of DOINGS. It WAS the largest and most successful in every way, of any which has yet been held. To AL BARNARD, BEN JAMES, TIM MULCAHEY, GUY WATTS, KEN POULTON, JOE GALLIGAN, BOB DUNCAN, MARTY TAYLOR and others of the Committee goes a world of credit.

The advance sale of tickets topped last year by nearly 150. The door sale was also greater than a year ago. The number of boxes sold was just the same. The expense was nearly $100.00 less. Not only the Ball Room, but the lobbies and lounges of the hotel, as well as the famous "Merry-go-Round" were jam-packed with YD men and ladies, their friends and guests, until well into the morning. We have not seen the official figures, but there must have been at least 1500 persons present. And the uniforms! Talk about the parade of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. There were nearly as many types of uniforms as there were men present.

The music, furnished by Jack Marshard's orchestra, without belittling that of other years, was absolutely tops. General COLE, escorting Mrs. Dana, led the grand march, followed by President JOE GALLIGAN, escorting Mrs. Albert W. Barnard. Behind them came a colorful array of hundreds of men and women, in glittering array.

Newton Post, A. L. drill team, National Champions, thrilled the spectators during intermission with a snappy drill, executing many intricate commands that our old top-kick never gave us in war time.

Many YD men and ladies from out of town attended, Lynn, Salem, Worcester and Nashua,

N. H., being only a few of the cities we saw represented. A grand party — and financially highly successful.

The YD Club of Boston had, on December 16, 580 paid-up members; THE HIGHEST NUMBER IN OVER FIVE YEARS. And is Pres. JOE GALLIGAN tickled. And no one blames him. There is a good chance of making it 600, and shattering all kinds of records, by April 1.

ENOCH LYMAN (D Co., 101st Engrs.) has been elected to serve the unexpired term of EDWIN S. PURDY (F Co., 101st Engrs.) on the Board of Governors of the Club.

On Thursday, November 18, Col. Charles Wellington Furlong lived up to his reputation of "packing 'em in" when he delivered a fascinating illustrated lecture on "Exploring a Mysterious Archipelago." The area was the islands of Tierra del Fuego, south of the Straights of Magellan, and extending to Cape Horn, which the colonel explored a number of years ago, taking many pictures of the most primitive race on earth. — P. N. S.

BEVERLY

On October 29th I was the guest of my good pal, KELSEY L. SMITH, (I can't hear you) at the Battery F, 101st F.A. Reunion, held at United Shoe Country Club in Beverly, and was received with great enthusiasm by over 100 former Battery F men. I knew most of the gang personally and the evening started off with lots of pep.

President FRANK CROWE opened the meeting, no business on tap other than election of officers, and HOWARD FISHER of Nahant was elected President. He introduced me and gave me five or six minutes to do my stuff and I talked faster than ever before in my life and explained Y.D. V.A. a-la-French-75. Dupie then told some stories — and what stories.

RUFUS BARRETT of Arlington gave an interesting talk of his recent trip to France and did a real job of it. More entertainment and then the gang adjourned to a buffet lunch, with beaucoup grub, etc. Groups then gathered to talk and fight the war over again and I was kept busy answering questions regarding forming a Beverly Chapter.

Former Lieut. FRANK SMITH and BILL DAVIS, along with many others, promised to get things started within a few weeks and I know they are sincere about it. A great opportunity awaits this Beverly group and National Officers are ready to give all the assistance needed. A great bunch — go to it Beverly. — RAY DOUCETTE.

DANVERS

On November 17, Danvers Chapter held a Public Installation in the Danvers Town Hall, and a fine crowd was present. National President RAY DOUCETTE had the Lynn YD Drill Team, with Cap't. HAROLD CROWELL acting as Sgt.-at-Arms, assist him in installing the newly-elected officers, after presenting the new charter to the President elect.

Officers installed were President, HAROLD WILLIAMS; Vice Pres. GILBERT CASS; Treasurer, ERNEST FOSSA; Secretary, CHARLES DAVIS; Chaplain, HARVEY BISHOP; Sgt.-at-Arms, JAMES POWERS; Directors, CARL EATON and new officers.

After officers were duly installed the new President made a very fine speech of acceptance and Danvers will go places under his fine leadership. National President gave his usual pep talk and the following were introduced: Representative Williams, cousin of new President; State Dep't. Pres. CLYDE ELLIOTT, State Dep't. Chaplain ERNEST PARENT, President JOHN DWYER of Haverhill, President EMILE THIBAULT of Salem, WILLIS HARVEY of Lynn, and representatives of the V.F.W., American Legion, U. Spanish W.V., G.A.R., World War Mothers, and YD buds from Beverly, Lawrence, Salem, Haverhill, Boston, Lynn, Worcester and Peabody. Letters of regret were read from Sen. Lodge and Cong. George Bates.

A luncheon was served by the live wire committee. The new President, HAROLD WILLIAMS, is a Lieut. of the State Police, served with the famous 104th Infantry, and is the type of man to assure any Chapter great success. He is a man of great determination and sincerity. The new V.P., GILBERT CASS, served with the crack Battery E, 101st F.A., and is Past County Commander of the V.F.W., and with his natural ability to lead men, assures the new President of real artillery support. Among those present at the installation who received the greatest applause was Mrs. Knowlton, the only Gold Star Mother in Danvers. Her son, Raymond, was killed in the Argonne, serving with Battery E, 101st F.A. A splendid Installation — A fine group of officers — Go to it Danvers.

— RAY DOUCETTE, N. P.

FITCHBURG

News of the Department meeting held in Fitchburg on December 5 will be found elsewhere.

Seventy-five YD men, including Nat. President RAY DOUCETTE, met at the Hotel Ray-

mond, on November 29, to pay honor to one of Fitchburg's own YD men, Mayor-elect ALFRED WOOLACOTT. BILL MCBRIDE, President of the City Council, another YD man, was toastmaster, and promised that although of a different political party than the Mayor-elect, and a potential candidate for Mayor, he would never run for that office so long as Mr. Woolacott decided to run, and pledged his fullest co-operation to the Mayor-elect in conducting the affairs of the city. McBride also stated that before accepting the nomination Woolacott had come to him and told him he would not run if he (McBride) contemplated running.

This exchange of good will and supremacy of war-time comradeship over political rivalry prompted an editorial in the Fitchburg *Sentinel* (presumably the handiwork of still another YD man, SAM HOPLEY) which DOINGS wishes it had space to reprint in full. The concluding two paragraphs are as follows:

"Both men are among the most popular vote-getters in the city, and both are clean, honest, conscientious, square-shooting public officials. What more challenging appeal, then, to any community than that uttered by two YD veterans, elected to office by their fellow citizens on different party tickets, pledging their best effort for a successful administration, and asking everybody to fall in line in the same spirit?

"For two years, at least, it is going to be Woolacott and McBride — Al and Bill — and the team name of "Al and Bill" might well become a slogan for a new era of community good feeling and a new high in cooperative municipal endeavor."

The principal speaker was National President DOUCETTE who congratulated the Mayor-elect and urged a revitalization of Fitchburg Chapter, Y.D.V.A. Every man present was called upon to introduce himself and speak a few words.

Mayor Woolacott thanked the gathering for its kindly wishes, and pledged his support to the Chapter.

HAVERHILL

Haverhill Chapter held a most successful dance and entertainment at the Armory, Thanksgiving night, with the able assistance of State Com. CLYDE O. ELLIOTT of Worcester, as master of ceremonies. He was attended by his staff. Among the guests were State Chaplain ERNEST C. PARENT and State Secretary EDWIN J. NOYES, who shook a mean leg. Com. THIBAULT of Salem Chapter, with a body guard of the women's auxiliary, was also present. Members from Danvers, Lynn and Springfield were present.

The outstanding feature during the evening was the unveiling of the portrait of Gen. Clarence R. Edwards and the sounding of taps while unveiling. The stage setting was a garden scene and the hall was decorated with the National and YD colors. The floor show was put on by Miss Doris Coffrey and thirty of her dancing pupils which made a great hit.

Much credit is due "BUNNY" CANTWELL, a YD member, who operated the spotlight. At the conclusion of the floor show, Com. ELLIOTT blushing, took Miss Coffrey by the arm and led her on the stage and in behalf of the Haverhill Chapter, presented her with a huge bouquet. Gerald Goodrich's 12-piece orchestra furnished the music for the evening.

We start a membership drive New Year's, with the most able assistance of HARRY PLUFF, the YD Taxi wizard. When in Haverhill, look up PLUFF, he sees all, knows all and can tell you all.

— WM. F. MCCORMIC, Sec.

LAWRENCE

A line to let you know that Lawrence is still alive, and herewith are the dues for one additional member, BEN POOLE. Membership comes in pretty slow as the mills are slack here.

— BERNARD WEBSTER,
President.

LYNN

Contributions were made to the Lynn Community Fund and American Red Cross. The Chapter assisted in Armistice Day exercises at First M. E. Church.

Our 19th Annual Armistice Eve Banquet was held at Oxford Club on November 10th and it can truthfully be said, bigger and better than ever. Over 250 YD buds and their wives and friends whooped it up and what a feed— plenty of turkey and fixin's — the ladies were prettier, the men happier and younger than ever. Honorary Member Philip Cashman was Master of Ceremonies and Master is right — Phil did a Masterful job and then some.

Speakers and guests at head table were — National Secretary PHIL SANBORN, State President CLYDE ELLIOTT, National President RAY DOUCETTE, Lynn Chapter President GEORGE CURLEY, Lynn Chapter Vice President HOLMAN STANCHFIELD, Commissioner of Education JAMES J. REARDON, Congressman LARRY CONNERY. Others at head table were Postmaster Thomas

Wilkinson and son, Mrs. James Connolly Pres. of Ladies' Auxiliary and husband, Mrs. Sanborn, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Doucette, Mrs. Curley, Mrs. Stanchfield, Mrs. Reardon, Mrs. Connery. HERBERT BROOKS, HENRY BALDWIN, Michael Carroll, Cornelius Donovan, Tony Garofano, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carritte.

Telegrams were received from Atty. JOHN MORGAN and AL MICHAUD, wish they had been with us. Entertainment included songs by Eddie Bleau and Charles Michaud accompanied by Madeline Guay; songs by that silver voiced tenor, Officer PAT CUFFE; and the YD Dramatic Actors put on two skits that should land them in Hollywood. The YD actors were BOB NEWMAN, TOM CURRAN, PETE PERRAULT, and MIKE GAROFANO. Dancing was enjoyed until 1 A. M.

Many visiting comrades were present and JOE JACKMAN and his troupe were on deck as usual. JOE METCALF and a gang from Beverly were present. On behalf of the committee, JAMES CONNOLLY presented an enlarged picture of our late comrade Congressman WILLIAM P. CONNERY to the Lynn Chapter for its new quarters.

The committee who put this splendid affair over was led by our hard working Vice President BOB STANCHFIELD, assisted by WALTER SMITH, HOWARD SMITH, ROBERT NEWMAN, JAMES CONNOLLY, MICHAEL GAROFANO, PETER PERRAULT, CLAUDE HOAG, JOSEPH FLENNIKEN, EARL BAILEY, HAROLD GUPPY, INGALLS SLOCUM.

On Armistice Day, Lynn Chapter marched in the Armistice Day Parade as a unit, led by our good and loyal pals, the Boston YD juniors. Lynn Chapter won first prize in the World War Veterans Division. They made a natty appearance, the Drill Team in its colorful uniforms and the others wearing civilians with dark blue sweat shirts with large YD on them and the official beret. A fine luncheon was served after the parade at our new quarters by the auxiliary.

LEON "Muscles" VARNAM has been confined to his home with the grippe and missed his first banquet and parade since Armistice was signed and the gang missed him. — A. R. D.

The Entertainment Committee of the Club arranged a gala program on the evening of Tuesday, November 30th at the Club quarters, 168 Broad Street.

This was a free party, although the committee spared no expense, and put on the following program: pictures, entertainment, and a special added attraction, lecture by LEON F. DENIS, who has spent eight years in Hawaii, and who gave us the highlights of life in Hawaii, and famous Hawaiian dancers.

SALEM

Meeting held in our quarters, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 14. Nomination of officers. President THIBAULT not a candidate for the chair this year. ALLEN E. FELLOWS of Peabody was nominated for President but he declined. We had hoped to get somebody else than a "frog" to take the chair this year but it was no go. LUCIEN PELLETIER was nominated. Election of officers: Pres., LUCIEN PELLETIER; 1st V.P., EDMOND GRAVEL; 2nd V.P., ERNEST LEBLANC; Secretary, AUGUSTIN MADORE; Treasurer, WILFRID THIBODEAU; Chaplain, EMILE J. THIBAULT; Sgt-at-Arms, CHARLES LEGER; Board of Trustees, ALLEN E. FELLOWS, ALFRED E. AYERS, ALEX HEBERT, CHARLES LAFORME, HENRY BLANCHETTE.

Suppose it does sound like the election returns of the Village of Chateau Theirry. Go ahead rub it in. All Frogs but two. If somebody can give us the solution of this problem, let's have it.

Special meeting Sunday afternoon, Nov. 21. Purpose to plan Military Ball. No headway was made. Question of Military Ball was laid on the table till a later date. After the meeting the members went in a body to pay their respect to a former YD member who passed away Nov. 19, JOE DOOLEY, (Bat. D, 101st F.A.) Joe led the Salem Chapter in the Portland parade last June, dressed as a big witch led by a little black dog. Members attended his funeral Nov. 22.

Regular meeting, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 28.

ERNIE LEBLANC, chairman of the Turkey Raffle Comm. reported gross receipts of $92.75 — the best one yet. Winners were Annie Johnson, 55 Winthrop St., Salem; Harry Wilkins, 6 Putnam St., Danvers; and H. Shrader, 6 Davis St., Beverly. Ernie sold the three winning tickets.

Installation to be held Friday evening, Dec. 17, in our quarters on Howard St. — E. J. T.

SPRINGFIELD

At the regular meeting, November 1st, plans were laid for a Turkey Party which was held Monday, November 15th, at the Eagles Hall, 121 Lyman Street, Springfield.

The committee consisted of President ROUX, PATCH, BEACH, MACKAY, DEE, MORAN and COONS. Zero hour was set at 8 P. M. and the house was packed, even standing room was lacking. It was just one of the large evenings that the boys have planned and also one of the largest and best times ever put on by the Springfield Chapter. So at this time, I want to thank all

the members who gave the committee a helping hand. A vote of thanks is now in order for the committee.

Comrade REGNIER did his job very well as he was awarded a medal for the champion glass duckers.

We have in this chapter two recruits as far as bartenders are concerned, but after the party graduated to the top. What say, MACKAY and DEE, how about it?

JAMES JOY can be seen any Saturday night at the hockey games, and is a real Springfield rooter.

CROKAN is remodeling his home and from all reports is doing a swell job. He is doing the work himself.

Roller skates will be in order for Comrades ROUX and PATCH at our next party. A step in time saves nine.

Comrade MARTINDALE has just been elected Commander of the Spfld. Unit, 104th Veterans Association. Good luck, Julian.

The YD Club extends its sympathy to ROSWELL PATCH in the recent death of his father.

Plans are under way for the Xmas Party for the children of the YD Chapter as in previous years.

WORCESTER

A regular meeting was held on November 4, with President MIKE EARLY in the chair and 72 in attendance. Chm. BERT BUSS of the membership committee reported that a big drive would commence on January 1. Chm. HARRY BLOCK of the turkey raffle committee reported good progress. Proceeds of the raffle go to purchase gift boxes to be distributed to 47 YD veterans at Rutland Hospital on February 8.

Chaplain PARENT reported that a party had been held at Rutland by the Worcester County Council, V.F.W., with entertainment and a band concert, also that he had distributed stationery among the YD men at the hospital.

Plans were discussed for the formation of a chapter of the Sons and Daughters of the Y.D. V.A., with a junior drum and bugle corps; children to be eligible only through their father's membership in the Chapter. AL RAND was the one who brought this matter up for discussion.

The turkey party was held on November 23, with about 150 in attendance including many from outlying points, who talked of forming YD chapters in their own communities in the near future. Twenty-five turkeys were given away. Plenty to eat and drink was enjoyed by all. Another benefit party for Christmas baskets for the needy will be held.

ARTHUR MILLWARD was appointed Secretary to fill the term of TED NOYES, who resigned after filling the office for many years. Ted will be missed, but his job is being filled by a good man.

Department President CLYDE ELLIOTT reported a growing interest in forming chapters in the towns of Auburn, Spencer, Westboro, Millbury and Holden; and urged all to attend the monthly state meetings. — E. C. P.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Providence Chapter, YDVA, was well represented in the parade Armistice Day, having over 200 in line. Looked mighty fine to see the old gang, many of them in uniform strut their stuff again. Providence Chapter, YDVA was awarded a cup by the parade committee for having the most men in line.

By this time next month we should have a chapter well under way in Pawtucket. Enthusiasm is gathering momentum every day now and I believe we will have a live outfit in that city. In the very near future we hope to have a good showing of National Officers present and an organization meeting to start the ball rolling.

The doubtful column still contains the names of Newport, Westerly and Woonsocket. However, we have not lost all hopes yet.

— HOWARD W. HUNT,
Dep't. Pres. R. I. YDVA.

PROVIDENCE

One of the best, the liveliest meeting Providence Chapter, YDVA has ever held, was put on Wednesday evening, Nov. 17th at the Harrison St. Armory. Pres. LAWRENCE COOK presided and there were 39 members in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Comrade Sr. Vice Pres. MARA gave a report on membership. New members are coming in at every meeting and Providence Chapter is coming along very nicely. Three new applications were received at this meeting.

Chaplain KELLEY reported no one on the sick report or relief, and stated that if the comrades knew of any one in need of relief or that was sick, if they would please notify him, he would call on them.

Comrade O'LEARY reported further on the

convention possibilities. Several letters were read and encouraging information was heard all along the line. Comrade JVR SHEPHERD, a YD man and a representative of the J. C. Hall Co., printers, was present and gave us some very interesting information about the souvenir program which we are planning on. He has agreed to consult further with the committee and offer any suggestions or help possible.

The question of financing the Chapter was brought up again for discussion and action at this meeting. After much discussion pro and con it was moved to adopt the recommendations of the committee appointed on Ways and Means. This calls for an assessment on each member on the rolls, as of this date, to carry us through the remainder of the year. Also the dues of the chapter have been raised to provide additional revenue.

A member of Providence Chapter, donated a gold YD lapel button to be raffled off instead of the usual hat collection. The button was won by Comrade Laffey. He stated he already had three, and suggested that for five cents a piece it would be raffled again. The in-take was very gratifying and was immediately turned into the treasury. Comrade JAMES GOULD was the winner.

At the conclusion of the business session, the meeting was turned over to the social committee who had provided entertainment for the evening. Comrade FRANK WALL, himself a YD man, and Chief Joseph Hagan, of the R. I. Division of Probation gave a very interesting and enlightening talking motion picture show. The two major pictures being "Juvenile Delinquency" and "Federal Prison System." Several reels of comedies followed. Refreshments were served at a late hour in the dugout.

— HOWARD W. HUNT,
Secretary.

Y.D. POST NO. 272, V.F.W.

Yankee Division Post held a joint installation with its auxiliary, in the Post quarters, 44 Harrison St., on Tuesday evening, Nov. 9th. A record breaking crowd turned out to witness the colorful ceremonies. Dep't. Jr. Vice Pres. Mabel Stott, assisted by Pres. Agnes Allard, installed the officers of the auxiliary. Past Dep't. Commander and Past Post Commander WILFRED C. TABOR assisted by Dep't. Q.M. WILLIAM J. LALLY installed the officers of the Post. Post Judge Advocate ED MARA acted as master of ceremonies in a most pleasing and efficient manner.

Bouquets were presented by the Post and auxiliary to the new and past Presidents of the auxiliary, also to the two Gold Star Mothers present. Officers of the Dep't. and guests spoke briefly.

The Post officers installed were: Commander, HOWARD W. HUNT; Sr. Vice Commander, HENRY KORDALEWSKI; Jr. Vice Commander, JOSEPH LAFFY; Adjutant, ALBERT H. MITCHELL; Quartermaster, EDWIN HIRD; Judge Advocate, EDWIN M. MARA; Chaplain, JAMES SALAFIA; Surgeon, Dr. ROBT. H. BRESLIN; Officer-of-day, CLARENCE ANDREWS; and Guard, CHARLES PERRY.

The officers of the auxiliary are President, Frances Parish; Sr. Vice Pres., Madelyn Lally; Jr. Vice Pres., Velma Mitchell; Secretary, Winifred Cook; Treasurer, Emma Fenner; Chaplain, Caroline Sousa; Conductress Louise Mitchell and Guard, Marion Perry.

Refreshments were served by the auxiliary after the installation.

— HOWARD W HUNT,
Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT MEETING WATERBURY
November 14

Meeting called to order at 3:30 P. M. Pres. CUNNINGHAM presiding. Opened in form.

The following guests were escorted to the speakers table, AL HERMAN, JOE MEYERS, BARNEY CLARKE, WM. SHANAHAN, THOS F. CROKAN, Springfield, Mass.

Roll Call on Chapter attendance, showed that Terryville gets the gavel with 20% attendance. Several chapters were absent, due perhaps to the fact that many of the members attended the Memorial Dedication in New Haven that same afternoon.

A letter from LEN MALONEY that the gang would try and get up to the meeting after the dedication was over.

FATHER ANDERSON suggested that we have some prominent speaker at our meetings, it may help increase our state meetings.

BILL GANEY once more made the suggestion that we form a State Auxiliary. It was voted that each Chapter take a vote on this at their LOCAL meeting, and be prepared to vote on this at the next State meeting.

Col. WM. SHANAHAN urged that veterans bring pressure to have the bridge in Middletown named "SEICHEPREY" in honor of the first

battle in the World War in which the 102nd Inf. took part.

AL HERMAN gave an excellent pep talk in regards to our state meetings, urging all members to preach the YD gospel, and keep YD out in front.

Commander of the Terryville Chapter displayed a YD emblem for cars, has an enamel finish, that sells for 50 cents. Thirty cents of this goes to the maker and twenty cents to the Chapter.

JOE CARPENTIER made a motion that the Yankee Division in the State of Connecticut form a State Council, so voted. AL HERMAN says it should meet quarterly.

Bristol Chapter asked for the State Meeting on the 2nd Sunday in Jan. 1938.

Owing to the very poor attendance at this meeting, Waterbury asked for the next State Meeting which is Dec. 12th. It was moved, seconded, and so voted.

RAY RYDELL, New Milford, will try and find out why the New Milford Chapter wants to disband.

BARNEY CLARKE said that he has traveled between 40 and 50 thousand miles in the interest of the Yankee Division, and can't see why the members won't travel a few miles to a State meeting.

Pres. CUNNINGHAM urged all secretaries to send the Doings of their Chapter to the National Secretary, so their Chapter will get a write-up in YANKEE DOINGS.

ED MILLER, Dep't. V. Pres., would like to know if there isn't something we can do to get the members interested in our state meetings. Also stated that at a previous meeting a vote was passed to tax each Chapter member ten cents. This tax of ten cents per member be paid to the State Treasurer, so as to give the State Dep't. some funds to work with.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P. M. with the saluting of the colors.

— JOS. J. CUNNINGHAM, Pres.
JERRY GRIFFIN, Sec.

JERRY GRIFFIN of Waterbury is now Department Secretary, RAY KINCAID of Bristol Chapter having found it impossble to do justice to the work, and his own occupation.

BRIDGEPORT

Armistice Day at Bridgeport was celebrated on a large scale this year with many activities of interest to veterans. But the high-lights of the YD's part in the day's events were, participation in the big parade, and a dinner for YD men exclusively.

The turnout for the parade of YD men was large and their appearance splendid. About 8:30 o'clock in the evening the dinner got underway and a typical YD Armistice night was celebrated. JIM MORRELL acted as toastmaster in his usual tactful manner. Everyone present, when introduced by toastmaster, spoke of some outstanding personal experience during the war, and as might be expected it was the amusing, rather than the serious side of the picture. Two Legion of Valor men, AL HERMAN, P. N. P.; and Capt. CLAR GEER were with us to make the evening a huge success. Chapter President SCHULTZ welcomed the diners and spoke for a brief period about the future of the YD.

BARNEY CLARKE is now living in Bridgeport, and the boys of this chapter are happy to have this outstanding YD enthusiast in their midst. Bridgeport remembers and respects Barney for his great work in chapter organization and feels his spirit and comradeship have already quickened the pulses of this active chapter.

BOB REYBURN and DICK JOHNSON were the only two from Bridgeport at the Annual Reunion of the 102nd Med. Dept. of Roy Hotchkiss' home in East Haven on Saturday night, Nov. 13th.

Several local members attended the dedication exercises Sunday, Nov. 14th at New Haven, of the Corp. AHEARN Memorial. — R. R. R.

MIDDLETOWN

Here's planning far enough in advance! Pres. JOE KOLINSKY has already gotten out invitations for the biggest Armistice Day Celebration Middletown has ever known on November 11, 1938.

Joe was so impressed with the magnificent address made by ROYAL K. HAYES at the unveiling of the Corp. TIMOTHY AHEARN Memorial in New Haven that he insists Royal shall be the principal speaker. He is also inviting, or planning to invite all the distinguished figures of the Yankee Division's wartime and post-war history.

NEW HAVEN

A complete account of the dedication of the Corp. TIMOTHY AHEARN Memorial to the enlisted men of the 26th Division will be found elsewhere in this issue.

New Haven YD men went on their own this year in the observation of Armistice Day. Heretofore the Post and Chapter have carried the lion's share of the burden connected with the Armistice Ball and profited very meagerly de-

spite the hard work. So this year the New Haven Chapter and YD Post No. 130, American Legion, joined hands in the sponsorship of a dinner-dance at Seven Gables Inn, Milford. It was a swell affair and the 207 who attended will attest to that fact. Past Commander MICHAEL J. MCDERMOTT was chairman of the committee and he was assisted by Past Commander IRVING DORMAN, RAY V. KENNEY and LOU JACOBS. The colors of both the Post and Chapter were displayed and promptly at 11 o'clock at the last note of "Lights Out" an impressive memorial service was given under Mike's direction and with Mike the owner of the solemn voice heard in the pitch darkness. JOHN SANDERSON and ARCHIE EMIGH assisted. Taps were sounded and the lights blazed on to the resounding blast of a small cannon. The event was so successful that plans are already afoot for a New Year's Eve party under the same sponsorship.

NORWALK

Armistice Day in Norwalk was observed with suitable exercises on the Library Green on Wall Street. Master of ceremonies was ALBERT W. HERMAN, Past National President, Y.D.V.A. The program was under the auspices of Norwalk Chapter, with all other veteran bodies participating and co-operating. To put it in Al's words, in a letter to YANKEE DOINGS, "If it hadn't been for the YD, Armistice Day would have been just another day in Norwalk."

Speakers in addition to Past President HERMAN included the commanders of other veteran organizations, Mayor Stack of Norwalk, and the Chm. of the Veterans Home Building Commission. The principal address was delivered by Rabbi Maurice A. Lazowick, who stated that he feared Communism and Fascism alike, that either would be a foot on the neck of the American people; that the American soldiers had been betrayed by circumstances. Mayor Stack spoke for a strong national defense as a weapon for lasting peace.

A firing squad of members of Norwalk Chapter, headed by President JAMES POWERS, closed the exercises by firing a salute as at the burial of a comrade.

A bang-up party was held in AL HERMAN'S dugout on Friday evening, November 12, reminiscent of the original Armistice celebration in 1918. Al's cellar is more like the tap room of the Hotel Astor than a quiet house in East Norwalk. Al served everything from pickled herring to a hot roast beef supper. Even TONY CARRIONE couldn't eat all the wop salami. Al was bar-tender, behind a real bar, in a white bar-tender's uniform, and the "free lunch" counter was loaded with the usual edibles. Dancing, singing and story telling occupied most of the evening. Distinguished guests were Mayor and Mrs. Frank Stack, and good old BARNEY CLARKE.

SAM POLLEY has been elected Commander of the Jewish War Veterans Post in Norwalk. Congratulations. Norwalk YD Chapter presented him with an English leather wallet.

STAMFORD

If activity is any sign of a successful chapter, then Stamford has that kind of a chapter.

The regular meetings held twice a month have been supplemented by plenty of other work. Perhaps the outstanding event of the Fall season was a dinner promoted by Comrade MACNICHOL. On Armistice Eve in the Picadilly Restaurant more than forty members and their wives gathered for a real get-together. There was much food, lots of dancing, plenty of liquids and *no* speeches, (which makes a grand formula for a successful YD affair). Perhaps the outstanding item in the entertainment was a good old-fashioned Irish dance put on personally by President PAUL HAYES.

On the Sunday preceding Armistice Day, the chapter participated in ceremonies in a local church held under the auspices of the Central Veterans Association of which our own Comrade CALDWELL is head. On Armistice Day the chapter marched in a parade, again sponsored by the Central Veterans. Marshal of the parade was our BEN PITMAN.

On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving the chapter sponsored a Turkey Raffle in the American Legion rooms. In addition to three turkeys raffled off through the sale of tickets, several other turkeys were put up as prizes in card games and, just to keep the livestock record clear, two live roosters and a live pig were given away.

Two dances were held under the auspices of the chapter with the idea of testing out the possibilities of making such dances a weekly feature. However, in spite of the yeoman service of Comrade SCANLON the dances did not bring in enough income to warrant their continuation.

With sixty members and a live bunch of executives the chapter is in a flourishing condition. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the G. A. R. rooms in the Town Hall. We shall be glad to welcome

any YD comrades who are in town on meeting nights. — C. B. L.

VALLEY

Our Chapter Pres., not entirely satisfied with our treasury balance, set out to do something about improving it. He had books printed for a drawing of three prizes to be held Dec. 21st, and from latest reports his committee is doing a fine job of it.

Our newly installed Auxiliary is functioning and it is rumored that they are taking the boys off their liquid diet on Dec. 7th and are going to serve coffee, sandwiches and cake after the meeting.

The Chapter and Auxiliary are planning a Xmas party for the Kiddies on Dec. 21st. Pres. "Walter Winchell" COMCOWICH has something up his sleeve for January. He calls it "Buddies' Night" but won't talk; but from the name, he sure has something there. — W. E. A.

WATERBURY

Our newly elected President LEO PROVOST and Mrs. Provost spent a few weeks at the shore; Second Vice President JOSEPH CHARPENTIER and Mrs. Charpentier motored up to Canada; Father ROGER ANDERSON motored down to Washington, Virginia, and Kentucky; Past President SCHAEFFER and the new Auxiliary President Florence Schaeffer and family spent a few weeks at the shore; State Dep't. President BUCK CUNNINGHAM and FRANK DOWNS spent a week at the Legion Convention in New York, BILLY AYLWARD went a-hunting up in Maine. FRED ROWE spent some time at his lodge up in Winsted — in fact the boys were all over the states but are now back to work and going strong at the meetings.

The Waterbury Chapter and its Auxiliary held a Joint Installation on November 20th, 1937 and the following officers were elected.

President, LEO PROVOST; First Vice President, JOSEPH CHARPENTIER; Second Vice President, RICHARD WILDMAN; Treasurer, FREDERICK W. ROWE; Secretary, WALTER L. BOLAN; Chaplain, FREDERICK SCHELL; Sgt.-at-Arms, ALBERT SUMPF.

Auxiliary Officers — President, Florence Schaeffer; First Vice President, Ceil Kerins; Second Vice President, Rose Downs; Treasurer, Marie Bolan; Secretary, Helene Robinson; Chaplain, May Crowe; Patriotic Instructress, Mary Barry; Guard, Margaret Richmeyer; Sgt.-at-Arms, Ann Schell; Historian, Helen Brophy; Trustees, Jane Meyer, Alice Deady, May Aylward.

State Dep't. Pres. JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM was the installing officer for the Chapter assisted by State Chaplain WILLIAM AYLWARD.

Mrs. Olive Nelson, President, Mont Sec Auxiliary of Bristol was the Installing Officer for the Auxiliary and was assisted by Mrs. Marie Bolan, Past President of the Waterbury Auxiliary.

A joint meeting of the Chapter and Auxiliary was held in the Club Rooms on November 5th. At these meetings many subjects of mutual interest are discussed. At this particular meeting plans were made for Armistice Day. All organizations in the city turned out for a big parade Armistice night and the YD was there full force.

On December 3rd we had another joint meeting for the purpose of talking over plans for the formation of a State Department for Connecticut Auxiliaries. We would like to urge our comrades in all Chapters in Connecticut who have not auxiliaries to talk up the subject to their women folk in order that their auxiliary may then join the coming State Department.

We are sorry to report that Comrade BILL CASHIN is at Newington for a few weeks but we hope he will soon be O K again.

We are now making plans for our Christmas Tree Party for the kiddies and grown-ups as well to be held in the State Armory on December 18th under the Chairmanship of FRANK DOWNS.

Even if we don't often "burst into print" always remember the old slogan which we try to live up to "Waterbury has something on everybody." — WALTER L. BOLAN, Secretary.

WILLIMANTIC

A very interesting and enthusiastic meeting was held December 6th at Norwich with 16 men present. A new set of By-Laws was adopted and it is expected will be printed so every member will have a set. The gang are active as ever and although we are not asking too much publicity locally nevertheless we are still very much on the local map.

The Whist Parties inaugurated last month will be continued as the first one turned out to be a swell time and cash was put into the coffers as a result. Although we have but one new member at present since the last issue we are working quietly on several and hope before long to raise our membership by at least 10.

EMMETT WELCH, one of our staunch supporters, both locally and otherwise, reports he attended a YD Meeting at the Prince George Hotel in N. Y., November 23rd, and found that

gang down there a swell bunch of fellows, on their toes and going places. After the glowing report given by Emmett it is needless to say that we hope we can sometime attend one of those meetings.

By the time this comes out new officers will have been nominated and probably elected with Installation to follow shortly thereafter. A delegation from here will attend the Testimonial Dinner to our swell friend and Comrade AL HERMAN to be given at the Farmington Country Club. At this time we wish, through this report, to say to Al in a sincere way — "Well done, thou good and faithful servant of YD." That's our feeling Al and best wishes for the future.

The local Chapter furnished uniformed bearers and a firing squad at the funeral of a YD man recently. The deceased was JOHN GOODMAN, (Co. G, 102nd Inf.).

The local YD are starting a series of Whist Parties to be held in homes of the members; these parties to be principally for YD men and their wives. The money derived will go to our local treasury. We also turned out 18 men, 12 in uniform and our Colors for a Military Mass sponsored by the local Legion Post here last Sunday. A very splendid Mass indeed.

After months of trying to win the Dep't. Traveling Gavel we finally won it at the October State meeting in Hartford and had 16 men there which gave us 20 per cent.

Our Sec. "ZIP" LAPAN, a real hustler, is to be the new Commander of the Local V.F.W., and we expect to see "Zip" make an ideal leader for that outfit. Best wishes and good luck "Zip" from the YD. This also goes for HENRY PUKALLUS our Jr. Vice Pres. who is to be the new Commander of the Norwich V.F.W. Post. We are still alive and kicking and expect to have a few new members within a month or so. Putnam and Danielson have been contacted and we expect to meet with those boys shortly for a good old fashioned YD meeting.

— G. H. H.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

CLEVELAND

"Ohio Chapter"

Our November meeting was held as usual on the third Monday, November 15th, at the Colonial Hotel in Cleveland. Meeting opened at 8:15 P. M. The minutes of previous meeting read and approved — correspondence from National Secretary read and discussed for further ideas.

Chairman "O'KIE" O'CONNOR of the nominating committee made a motion which was seconded by Comrade MCGLOIN that all present officers be re-elected and vote was unanimous. A suggestion by Comrade O'CONNOR that the state of Ohio be divided into districts and district committeemen be appointed to build up membership in their respective districts. If sufficient members are obtained in some of these districts, President FLAHAVEN is to arrange to hold some monthly meetings in those respective districts. President FLAHAVEN appointed Vice-President CORMIER to act as chairman of membership committee with Comrades REICH, MCGLOIN, LADE and MERRIAM acting as committeemen.

President FLAHAVEN requested the secretary to obtain ten extra copies of DOINGS to aid in membership campaign. He also advised everyone to send the One Dollar to the National Secretary for the Xmas cards or return them at once.

As an example of the interest around the state, JOE MONTAGUE of Lockland has ordered twelve applications for membership. Looks like a meeting will have to be arranged in Lockland in the near future.

Comrade MCGILLIS was appointed chairman of committee on arrangements for our "Big Annual Blow-out" to be held Saturday night, February 12th, 1938.

While in session a wire was received from Comrade ELLIS VANDERPYLE, expressing his regrets for having to miss the meeting, stating that he was suddenly called to New York but that nothing would prevent him from making the next meeting.

There certainly is a lot of enthusiasm for the Y.D.V.A. in Ohio, for there is rarely a meeting but what someone takes the time to send us their regrets for not being able to attend, and we feel that they certainly are sincere to go to that trouble.

Our next meeting will be December 20th, 1937, same place, same time. There were fifteen in attendance and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 P. M.

— R. L. SHAW,
Sec'y., Y.D.V.A. of Ohio.

DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"

Thanks for the fine "boost" in the October number. Rather think we had it coming to us, for the meeting the other night was the first one held since June.

ALBERT "Rocky" ROCKWELL called the gang together on the evening of November 16. After an enjoyable feed, an old time "bull session" was staged. Seven YD men attended — just half the number in the local Club.

Those present were: Dr. J. J. "Doc" MORRIS, (103rd F.A.); FRANK J. MURRAY, (101st F. Sig. Bn.); HARRY C. GOLDELMANN, (102nd Inf.); CARL W. JOHNSON (103rd F.A.); A. W. ROCKWELL, (102nd M.G. Bn.); and ARTHUR G. VETTER (101st F.A.).

Now that we are started again we can promise you a monthly account of the gang out in this neck of the woods. The next meeting has been set for December 14.

— A. G. V.

DETROIT

Our constant campaign to discover YD men is slowly bearing fruit. A new name crops up from unexpected sources and this gives us a greater incentive to sign them up. Our paid membership is increasing slowly and though we are slow in this respect it is at least cheering to report progress.

The November meeting on Friday, the 26th, will be our last meeting this year as the December meeting would fall on Xmas eve and this would not do, consequently our next regular meeting will be on January 28th, 1938.

On December 4th we are in hopes of enjoying our first dinner and dance. This will be definitely decided at our next meeting when final arrangements are to be made.

From January on, it is our expectations to have a series of entertainments but what and where has to be determined upon.

It is our intention to collect one dollar from each member present at the next meeting who has not forwarded his dollar for the Xmas cards and send in the total collection by one check, but you know the old saying about heaven being paved with good intentions. We at least will try our best.

This roughly outlines things in general and as it completes the story I shall close with happy days for all.

— DAVE SWARTZ, Sec.

LOS ANGELES

"Southern California Chapter"

The principle activity of the YD Club of Southern California at the moment is making plans for the annual Christmas Party which will be held in our meeting hall on December 15th. The Ways and Means Committee are in charge of arrangements which include a Christmas tree, presents, candy for the youngsters and a program of entertainment and refreshments, so we are looking forward to a good time.

The Ways and Means Committee is to be augmented by all the Past Presidents of the Club when it meets to line up the program for a great Yankee Division reunion during the American Legion Convention at Los Angeles next Fall, which seems a long way off at this writing, but with tempus fugiting right along, it is none too early to be making plans.

YD men and especially those of his outfit, F Co., 104th Infantry, will be saddened to learn of the death of PAUL KOUNOVSKY, who was killed in an accident in Northern California early in November. The body was brought to the National Cemetery at Sawtelle, California, where services were held and attended by Comrades ARCHIE BRADLEY, JOHN FOX, PETE DRESSER and JIM RIPLEY. Paul came to Los Angeles from Haverhill, Mass., and his tragic passing will be mourned by the many friends he had in both cities.

Proof that the pages of YANKEE DOINGS are read come in the form of a telephone call from KING VAN DER WICKEN, (C Battery, 101st Field Artillery,) wanting to know when and where we meet as he had seen in DOINGS where we had a Chapter out here and being now located in our fair city wanted to come up and meet the boys.

The Club has received several post cards from FRANK MEREDITH en route to France where he will revisit many of the places through which he traveled with the 101st Infantry Regiment. We await his return for an interesting account of the trip.

— G. K. M.

NEW YORK

New York Chapter held its regular November meeting in the "New England" Room of the Prince George Hotel on Tuesday evening, November 23rd.

The meeting was attended by 42 members many of them for the first time as we have signed up at least 50 new men since the last gathering in October.

After the usual excellent dinner in the "Hunt Room" we retired to our meeting room where our President BEN PITMAN called order at 8:20 P. M.

In the absence of our Chaplain, Father TEMPLE, our good friend HARRY VAN HALA did the honors. This regular opening prayer was followed by the custom of each member rising and giving his name and former organization while with the division.

"WHIT" WASHBURN did his stuff in the Washburn manner and when he had finished we all knew exactly what happened at our last meeting. The Treasurer, HARRY BURT, showed us that we still had a nice bank balance and more coming in all of the time.

Reports from the various committee chairman were read and all old business was out of the way.

A suggestion by BOB HAMMERSHLAG that the downtown luncheon meeting for December be postponed until January was agreed upon. The uptown luncheon will be held at the Columbia Club on December 17th.

Our good friend JOE GREENBERG was presented with a YD ring for his good work in securing 25 new members. The presentation was made by JOHN MORGAN.

TED SCHOONMAKER brought along a man with a "hobby," — Capt. Vosburgh, late of the 27th New York National Guard Division who was also in France. The Captain was certainly interesting in his explanation of this hobby of his which dates back to the Mexican Border days when he discovered by accident that he had brought back from Texas a canteen of water. This accident started Mr. Vosburgh on the "water collecting" idea, and he now has specimens from every country in the world except Germany. It seems that the Germans did not believe that he wanted water for the purpose of making a collection. Thus Germany is not represented in the wide collection. Recently Vosburgh appeared on the CBS radio hookup and the result was a batch of fan mail from all over the country.

BOB DICKSON introduced Capt. Charles Fletcher who recently returned from Italy and France where he was a guest of the two governments. Fletcher, as you have no doubt already guessed, went over with the Legion. His one important subject was the wonderful talk given by General Harbord at the base of Hill 204 where a Memorial has been erected.

Other points of interest were his visit to Rome and Paris.

JOE GORDON took the money on the monthly pool and we are glad to see Joe win.

Don't forget the World's Fair in 1939.

"POP" KNICKERBOCKER.

ST. LOUIS
"Missouri Chapter"

Our Missouri Chapter of the Yankee Division Veterans Assn. held its annual dinner and election of officers November 16, 1937, at Hotel Chase in St. Louis. Our new President is LAWRENCE G. MILLER, of St. Louis, who, as First Lieutenant in Co. B, 103rd Machine Gun Battalion, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. He is also Commander of St. Louis Chapter of the Military Order of the World War. He succeeds EARL SHACKLEFORD of Hannibal, as President, well known in Missouri as State Past Commander of the American Legion, who served with Co. C, 102nd Machine Gun Battalion. Other officers elected were JOHN D. MORRISON, 1st Vice Pres., (Bat. C, 101st Fed. Art.); HARRY M. GAMBREL of Kansas City, 2nd Vice Pres.; HARRY C. HILGARD, Treasurer, (Capt. Co. B, 101st Eng. and Btn. adj.); HARRY S. ROOKS, Secretary, (Co. C, 101st Fld. Sig. Btn.); and three Trustees, JOSEPH GRANDHOMME of Farmington (Co. C, 104th Inf); HERMAN J. DICKHARDT, a new member, of Cedar Hill, (Co. M, 103rd Inf.); and ROBERT F. COSTELLO, (Co. H, 102nd Inf.).

The former members of the Division residing in and near St. Louis were nearly all present to renew old friendships and reminisce on the events of the long service of the Division at the front in France. Several guests, including C. T. RUNYON (101st Sup. Train.) of Brooklyn, New York, were present. Some entertaining experiences were related by GEORGE FELTON, (Bat. D, 101st F. Art.); ARTHUR HINES, (Co. C, 101st F. Sig. Btn.); E. ROBERT JONES, (Co. A, 101st F. Sig. Btn.), FRANK ANDERS (101st F. Sig. Btn.), and others.

A telegram from JOHN W. MORGAN of New York, Vice President of Dept. of the U. S., was received and appreciated, as well as letters from several other distant YD's. An appropriate tribute was paid our departed Comrade FRANK FOLEY, (102nd Inf.), who died shortly after organizing our Chapter, and to our beloved General EDWARDS.

The foregoing serious account does not include quite all that was done during this important engagment. Believe me, it was a tough

battle, there were casualties, but our division won the war, and the survivors declared an armistice at 4:00 A. M.

— HARRY S. ROOKS, Secretary,
511 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

WASHINGTON

I have finally gotten back to Washington and will try to fulfill the duties of Corresponding Secretary of our Chapter.

Our Chapter held its last meeting on Monday, November 30th, at 815 Fifteenth Street, N. W., and there were 45 in attendance, 14 of whom were members of the Irish War Veterans Association. LARRIE CONNERY of the Lynn Chapter and his secretary, John Kavanaugh, were also there. We were also paid a visit by MICHAEL MOONEY, a member of the Boston Club.

Through the efforts of DAVE HERMAN, JOHN CASWELL and NATE GOLDEN, there were shown pictures of the Twenty-Sixth Division in France, which were enjoyed by all. The following members of our Chapter were present — HERMAN, CASWELL, RHODES, STANDISH, GOLDEN, STEARNS, YOUNG, NICHOLSON, CARSON, WILLNER, SHARPELS, ST. PETER, WHITE, BARTRAM, ELLIS, ROBITAILLE, BRADLEY, DODIC, ERICKSON, MARGULIS, MINTZ, STAMBLER, and BONFIGILIO in addition to yours truly. Two associate members, KLUECKE and NORTON, were also in attendance.

Plans were made for holding a Christmas Party for the kiddies and also advance notice of the annual pilgrimage to General Edwards' grave on January 1st at 11 A. M. JOHN CASWELL is in charge of the arrangements at the General's grave.

In response to your wire to DAVE HERMAN, there was a good turn out on the night of November 16th to meet the body of Sgt. John Letzing; however, due to crossing of wires, the body did not arrive until Wednesday morning. DAVE HERMAN and I were at the train and met the widow of the deceased and also his brother, Fritz Letzing and wife, who came up from Durham, North Carolina. I could not make it over to the cemetery for the funeral but several of the boys were there, including AL BARTRAM.

— PAUL HUTCHINS.

OUTBURSTS FROM THE OLD OUTFITS

101ST MACHINE GUN B'N.

Occasion: 19th Annual Banquet and Election of Officers. Place: Avon Country Club, Hartford, Conn. Date: Armistice Eve, November 10, 1937. Reading Time: 3 minutes (K.P.'s 4 hours).

Taking it for granted, of course, that even the election of officers was in the bag also; a hilarious gathering was the result of the long, painstaking plans concocted by our Secretary-Treasurer-Manager, whoever he is. The athletically inclined agents were invited to a round of golf during the afternoon, and that in itself was some pre-view — everything from a pool cue to Canadian Club was used. Finally someone turned on the dusk which was alibi No. 8 for those whose visibility was poor anyway. So we sauntered toward the Clubhouse with a Southampton appetite.

A short, snappy, wet-towel barrage was the next undignified event not on the program. The boys were arriving fast — it is still a motorized battalion — minus free wheeling. Corp. H. J. BRICKLEY (B Co.) having been A.W.O.L. for 18 years was a welcome sight. Our Vermont, Boston, New York and other rural contingents were not represented, possibly because the affair was in the middle of the week. However, a finer body of pot-bellied, double-chinned, bald-headed, flat-footed, bottle-opening boys were never seen together before (nor since.) Many of our officers were in attendance, but we all used the same latrines.

A swell feed of raw meat and rare entertainment was enjoyed. The agents stayed late and long; and the last act, dedicated to "Wilson Falls" was anything but a headache for the rest of us.

As is customary, our officers were mentioned, discussed, insulted, initiated, elected, heckled, etc., all on the same night. Thanks to the Associated Press, the members were given the winning numbers the next day. President, ERNEST C. CLARKE; V. P., EDWARD J. KENEFICK; Secretary and Treasurer, BENJAMIN A. BOURN.

— E. C. C.

103RD INFANTRY

M. G. COMPANY

CLARENCE LEROY PERKINS lost his life in overseas service on May 10, 1918.

The parents of this boy are Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Perkins, 9 Atkinson St., Dover, N. H.

It would please them greatly if some one who remembers their son would write a letter to them.

Do this, won't you fellows?

103RD MACHINE GUN B'N.

C COMPANY

On Armistice Day the members and friends of Co. C, 103rd Machine Bn. Veterans Association gathered at the Armory of Mounted Commands at Providence, R. I., to dedicate a permanent Memorial to all members of that outfit. The memorial, a mounted Hotchkiss machine gun of the type used by Co. C, was erected, together with a bronze plaque commemorating the event, just inside the main doors of the Armory. Simple but impressive ceremonies marked the occasion in the presence of a large gathering.

General Herbert R. Dean, Adjutant General of R. I., accepted the memorial for the State of R. I., and congratulated the members of the Association on their ability to "carry on" through the years and keep alive the memory of their organization and its accomplishments.

Major HOWARD C. ARNOLD, the last commanding officer of Co. C, gave a complete history of the Company from its inception until it was disbanded, together with a detailed account of the various activities in which it participated. At the conclusion of the ceremonies "echo - taps" was sounded, by trumpeters from the YD Post American Legion, in honor of those comrades "Gone West."

The expense incidental to erecting this memorial was financed through the sale of the bricks, used in the foundation, to members and friends of the organization at $1.00 per brick, the machine gun was procured from the War Dep't., through the courtesy of former Senator Metcalf of R. I.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

B COMPANY

ARTHUR S. DESMOND is living at the Hotel Blackstone, 1016 Seventeenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and when any of the boys are in Washington, would like to have them look him up. A job for JOHN CASWELL of the Washington Club.

E and F COMPANIES

The evening of November 17 marked a brilliant ceremony at the First Corps of Cadets Armory, Columbus Ave., Boston, as former members of E and F Companies, 101st Engineers, presented the trustees of the Armory with a memorial tablet to the late Captain EDWIN M. BRUSH, who at different times, commanded the two companies in France.

The memorial is a bas relief in bronze of Capt. Brush, mounted on a sand-colored marble shaft, which in turn is mounted on a pillar of black marble veined in white.

The exercises opened with a parade and massing of the colors. The assembly included the 1st Corps Cadets, the veterans of E and F Companies, 101st Engineers, and the Veteran Association of 1st Corps Cadets, 101st Engineers.

RALPH M. EASTMAN presided. Among the guests of honor were Gen. CHARLES H. COLE and Gen. DANIEL NEEDHAM, commanding officer of the 26th Division, N. G.

Three brother officers gave addresses, paying tribute to Captain BRUSH. Lieut. Col. PORTER B. CHASE spoke on "Edwin M. Brush as a 1st Corps Man"; 1st Sergt. FREDERIC W. CAMPBELL on "Captain Brush of E Company, 101st Engineers," and 1st Sergt. LEANDER H. REDFIELD on "Captain Brush of F Company, 101st Engineers."

The memorial was presented by Capt. WILLIAM R. MATTSON, Co. E, 101st Engineers. His daughter, Janet, drew the American flag which veiled the memorial aside. Capt. ALEXANDER ELLIS, president of the Veteran Association, 1st Corps Cadets, accepted the memorial. This was Captain Ellis' first appearance since his recent election as head of the organization.

Following the dedication exercises exhibitions were given by the Drum and Bugle Corps, Sons of Legion Squadron 290, Yankee Division; the drill team of Wollaston Post, American Legion, and the Drum and Bugle Corps, Old Dorchester Post, American Legion.

E COMPANY

Here are the "E" men who were there, according to our hasty records, and we apologize if we've forgotten any, as we're afraid we have: DAN DONOVAN, ARBIE THOMANN, MAURICE CORKERY, RUSS FRANCIS, HERBIE THURSTON, CHET THOMAS, CHET ROGERS, PERLEY WHITE, BILL MATTSON, RED DENNER, CARL NIELSEN, BILL CLEAVES, HOWARD WELCH, RAY MIRANDA, HAROLD BROWNSON, CARL PAYSON, JAKE STAHL, KARL JACKSON, CHARLIE ALLEN, WALTER RIPLEY, LEWIE BERLYN, ART DUDLEY, CHARLIE JACKSON, and, of course, the real hero of the occasion, GEORGE GILLMAN. He certainly turned out a swell job for us and those who couldn't get to the dedication should take the first opportunity to get up to the Armory and see the fine, rich, dignified looking memorial that will stand there for all time in honor of EDDIE. He and LEA REDFIELD did a lot of hard work the last few days — and nights — getting everything set for the dedication and everything went off like clock-work.

LEWIS BERLYN was, as far as we know, the only grandfather among the veterans present. He had with him his son, Donald, and his grandson, Donald, Jr. And LEWIS doesn't seem to look a day older than he did in 1917.

It is reported that NAPPY RYAN is with Frye's Cigar Co., 70 Main St., Brockton, Mass. BILL MOODY, we understand is in politics now, running, or ran, for Councilman in Lititz, Penna. Haven't heard the returns yet from all precincts. Perhaps this will bring a first-hand report from BILL. RED DENNER had a former French officer visit him this summer — an air-man who was attached to the 26th Division during the War for a time. CARL PAYSON is still active as can be with the Milton Post of the Legion. Besides selling oil burners and fuel, he also is in the insurance business. We understand that JOHN ROONEY is expecting Sir Stork early in February. DAN DONOVAN has two sons and two daughters and works for the Boston School Department. FRANK MACKENNA and ART DUDLEY, FRED HEWEY, and BILL CLEAVES visited BILL BUXTON on Armistice Day.

A basket of fruit, etc. was sent to BILL at the Veterans Hospital, at Rutland, for Thanksgiving from his friends of "E" Co. A few days later we received this letter from him:

> "As a person grows old, I am told, he becomes more sentimental; so I will confess that when I read the card attached to the basket of fruit and other good things which came from S. S. Pierce's, a fair-sized lump came up in my throat and my eyes got a bit salty.
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> Nineteen and a half years, as expressed by human measurements, seem like quite a long space of time for loyalty and comradeship to exist, but somehow I feel that there is no end to friendships such as exist between members of good old "E" Co. and that happen what may to our pack of flesh and bones our companionships will never cease. Please thank all contributing members for the thoughtful gift. As ever, BILL."

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Minton, (EDDIE's mother) this Fall.

There goes our last memorandum into the waste -basket and now we'll have to "ad lib." The next big event on the horizon is Christmas and we sincerely hope you'll all have a fine, happy one, and that the New Year will smile benignly upon you, as you deserve, bringing you health, happiness and prosperity. We suggest just one New Year's resolution, that is to try to take in the Birthday Party of those famous War Babies "E" and "F" Co. next May. That will be our 21st, so you see we're getting on in years and we should use every effort to enjoy that comradeship which BILL BUXTON spoke of so feelingly in his letter.

— RALPH M. EASTMAN,
Secretary.

F COMPANY

F Company fell way behind E Company when it came to raising funds for the EDDIE BRUSH tablet (see above). First Sergeant LEA REDFIELD has voluntarily made up the difference out of his own pocket. Now if any of you birds have been "meaning to" send in a dollar or two or five, it isn't too late to do it, although the plaque is in place and dedicated. Send to L. H. Redfield, 50 State St., Boston.

The following from DARRAGH HIGGINS in Camden, N. J.:

> "I called on CHARLIE GANT again in Wilmington last week and was both pleased and surprised to find DONAL MILLER working for Charlie. "Honk" looked just as big as ever, and just as capable of continuing to eat seconds, thirds, fourths, etc.
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> "Charlie, Don and I sat down in Charlie's office and talked things over for several minutes; it was a lot of fun. They both want to be remembered to the gang. In the event that anyone spots Delaware license plates 26-101, that's Charlie." — P. N. S.

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A letter written to Col. JOHN W. HYATT by L. Ledoux of Paris, tells of the death, on August 30, 1937, of Major Malick, who, during the war, was major in the small town of Foix, a great friend and admirer of the 26th Division.

THEODORE S. GILLESPIE, formerly of A Co., 101st Infantry, died at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Chelsea, Mass., on November 29, 1937. Funeral services at St. Anthony's Church, Allston, on December 1, were attended by many of his former comrades, the YD Club of Boston, being represented by its colors and a number of members.

Sergeant JOHN L. LETZING, formerly of E Co., 104th Infantry, the first American soldier to capture a German prisoner, likewise the first to be decorated for valor by the U. S. and French governments, died at the Soldiers' Home Hospital in Chelsea, Mass., on November 13. His body was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington Chapter, Y.D.V.A. taking a prominent part in the exercises.

Colonel ERNEST L. ISBELL, first commanding officer of the 102nd Infantry, died at the age of 76, in the U. S. Veterans' Hospital at Bay Pines, Fla., on November 23. Military funeral services were held at Arlington National Cemetery. Col. Isbell remained in command of the 102nd Infantry after that regiment was formed, until January, 1918, when he was relieved by Col. JOHN HENRY PARKER.

EDWARD J. SHERIDAN, formerly of B Battery, 101st Field Artillery, of Brookline, N. H., a member of Nashua Chapter, Y.D.V.A., died on November 17.

The funeral services of EDGAR BUSH, formerly of B Battery, 101st Field Artillery, were held at Waterman's Funeral Parlor, Kenmore Square, Boston, on November 19, at 2:00 P. M. Further particulars missing.

PAUL FITZGERALD, formerly of C Co., 101st Infantry, died on November 10, 1937. He had a place of business in Newton, Mass. Further details are missing.

JOHN A. RICE, formerly a corporal in Hq. Co., 104th Infantry, died in Gloucester, Mass., on December 7, after an illness of some duration. Funeral services were held in Gloucester, on Friday, December 10.

PATRICK "Paddy" WALL, former member of C Company, 102nd Infantry, died on December 2nd at the Castle Point Veterans' Hospital after a game fight against tuberculosis. Long months spent in a German prison camp after the Battle of Seicheprey no doubt contributed to Paddy's demise at 42 years. Funeral services were in charge of YD Post No. 130, American Legion, and New Haven Chapter Y.D.V.A., and pall bearers were provided by these units. Paddy is survived by his widow, Nellie Fee Wall, and four daughters, the Misses Helen, Eileen, Cornelia and Patricia.

JOHN J. "Darby" COLLINS, member of the New Haven Fire Department and a former member of B Co., 102nd Infantry, died on November 10 in the Newington Veterans Hospital. Special mention of "Darby's" passing was made during the "moment of silence" observed at the YD dinner-dance at Seven Gables Inn, Milford, on Armistice Day. New Haven Chapter sent a wreath to the funeral parlors. Burial was on November 13th in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

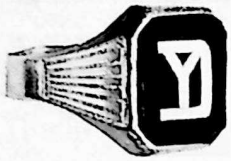
EDWARD PATRICK FARRELL, formerly First Sergeant of B Co., 103rd Infantry, died on January 11, 1936. News of the death has just reached DOINGS through Leroy R. Bruce of Baldwin Park, Calif. Mr. Farrell left a widow and small son. Shortly after the war he lost the fingers of one hand in an accident, then death took his father, mother and a favorite sister, all within a few months. Just a few months before the birth of his son, his wife became crippled with infantile paralysis.

JOHN GOODMAN, formerly of G Co., 102nd Infantry. See Willimantic Chapter news for further details.

JOSEPH DOOLEY, formerly of E Batt., 101st Field Artillery, died in Salem, Mass., on November 19. See Salem Chapter news for further details.

PAUL KOUNOVSKY, formerly of F Co., 104th Infantry, was killed in an accident in northern California, early in November. For further details, see Los Angeles Chapter news.

Foreign Service, the publication of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, records the death, on Oct. 28, 1937, of CONRAD SAUER, formerly of D Company, 104th Infantry.



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